

YHS Ensemble Contest Winners

The Yankton High School Band and Orchestra recently competed in the Region I Solo and Ensemble Contest on March 6 at Vermillion High School.

A total of 133 students participated in events that include solos, duets, trios, chamber orchestra, Woodwind Choirs, Percussion ensembles and more. Events are scored within a captioned system, which awards the student with a rating from 1 (superior), 2 (Excellent), 3 (Good), 4 and 5.

Students receiving ratings of 1 (superior) are awarded a gold medal from the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

Solo superiors include: Theresa Barnes, Violin; Tara Richardson, Baritone Saxophone; Brianna Kelly, Oboe; Maddy Logue, Tenor Saxophone, Sarah Santos, Tenor Saxophone; Matt Watt, Trombone; Sam Gusso, Xylophone, Fiona Dahlberg, Flute; Alina

Chu, Flute; Sophie Drotzmann, Alto Saxophone; John Starzl, Timpani; John Starzl, Snare drum; Layne Droppers, Timpani; Layne Droppers, Snare drum; Joseph Kelly, Timpani; Joseph Kelly, Snare drum; Amber Livingston, Trumpet; Jacob Bies, F Horn; Julie DeWitt, Alto Saxophone; Michael Haas, Xylophone; Mikayla Trenhaile, Flute.

Each member of ensembles earning a Superior (1) rating earn a smaller gold medal: Violin Duet; Chamber Strings; Violin Quartet; Symphonic Band Saxophone Choir; Concert Band Clarinet Ensemble; Concert Band Flute Choir; Symphonic Band Percussion Ensemble; Symphonic Band Flute Ensemble; Symphonic Band Baritone Duet; Symphonic Band Trumpet and Trombone Duet.

The students earned 72 total medals at this contest.



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Laurel Biocomposite Ramps Up Production

Laurel BioComposite LLC announced it has completed construction of its new 12,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility and is ramping up phase one production for Bio-Res™ PE. The bio-material is a high-performance, cost-effective replacement for traditional petroleum-based resins in a variety of manufacturing processes for plastics. Laurel BioComposite is taking delivery of equipment that includes an ENTEK E-Max 53mm twin screw extruder and an Amtek Microwave system to support phase one production expected to start in April.

“Phase One will deliver an annual commercial production rate of about 7 million pounds,” says Tim Bearnese, CEO of Laurel Bio-

Composite. “Phase two will take Bio-Res PE production to 48 million pounds and is projected for completion late in the fourth quarter of this year.” The company uses distillers grains as feed stock for its proprietary process. A by-product of ethanol plants, this renewable feedstock is readily available and easy to transport and store, making Bio-Res suited for large volume production. Bio-Res PE sequesters carbon-dioxide and does not use toxic compounds during processing.

Bio-Res PE is able to economically raise the renewable or “green” content of plastic products by as much as 40 percent. The bio-material is available in a pellet form which blends easily

with polyethylene, polypropylene, polylactic acid and polyhydroxyalkanoates matrices. The product has been tested to replace 20 to 40 percent of the neat resin reducing traditional petroleum-based resins in a variety of manufacturing processes for plastics by as much as 40 percent. Superior flow characteristics make the material unique in the bio additives market for thermoplastics. Bio-Res PE is especially suited for single use products as well as applications for a variety of industries including shipping, lawn and garden, agriculture and automotive.

For more information about Bio-Res PE and Laurel BioComposite visit: www.laurelbiocomposite.com

TOASTMASTERS EVALUATION CONTEST



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Toastmasters Club 1294 held its club Evaluation Contest on March 9. Participants were John Swensen, ATM-B, Kathy Hejna, CC, and Vernon Arens. ATM-S President Joy Winther, ACG/CL. 1st Place: Vernon Arens 2nd Place: Kathy Hejna. First- and second-place winners participate in the Area Contest in Freeman.

CHURCH DONATES TO WOMEN’S SHELTER



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First United Methodist Church recently donated gifts of juice boxes, fruit snacks, and copy paper to the Yankton Women’s/Children’s Shelter. Pictured is Heather Hirsch, Mission Committee Representative from the church, with Desiree Warren, Director of the shelter.

YOUTH GROUP HELPS PACK FOOD



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The Senior and Junior High Youth Group of the Yankton United Methodist Church recently packed more than 6,400 meals for children in need of our care. To learn more about how you can make a difference in the lives of children, please visit www.kahyankton.org.

KUSSMAN RECOGNIZED FOR WORK



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Alta Kussman was joined by 10 of her co-workers of the American Legion Auxiliary, Roy Anderson Post 12 on March 1 at the Majestic Bluffs Senior Care Center. Membership chairman, Helen Simpson, presented her with a 59-year continuous membership certificate. She has been active in the organization since she joined in 1954, having served as president, secretary and poppy chairman, as well as being in charge of initiation and memorials yearly. She served on many other chairs including Gift Shop for Veterans. Her daughter was also there to help celebrate her mother's birthday.

MEETINGS

GET UP & GO

The Get Up & Go 4-H club met on March 3, 2013, at the Irene Legion Hall. President Katrina Hauger called the meeting to order.

The roll call topic was “Where would you like to travel?” The American flag pledge was led by Peter Hauger and the 4-H pledge by Daniel Dangel. Katrina Hauger’s demonstration was on how to make a duct tape flower. Peter Hauger’s demonstration was on his collection of skylanders. Heather Hauger’s demonstration was on HPS. Lauren Fosheim, 4-H Youth Development Program Assistant of Yankton County, came to talk about upcoming events in 4-H. Lunch was served by Keyauna Gustad.

Our next meeting will be on April 14, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in the Irene Legion Hall.

GFWC YANKTON WOMAN’S CLUB

The Yankton Chapter of GFWC Woman’s Club met March 2, 2013, at 11 am at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club. President Pauline Akland opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, South Dakota Pledge and Collect for Women.

Guests: Cindy Filipis introduced her guest Alberta Allard, Pauline Akland’s guest was Cindy Nelson. Pres. Pauline welcomed new members Mary Peitila, Virginia Collignon, Marlene Larson, Gladys Johnson and presented each with a flower.

Dot Blaha gave the treasurer’s report, it will be filed pending audit. Dot reported that 17 girls will be in attendance at SD Girls State this year and the cost has raised to \$110 per girl while the State has \$100 budgeted for each. Julie Clifton made a motion we send the state the additional \$10, second by Joan Neubauer. Secretary Ellen

Rodenberg read a thank you from State President Linda Dodds for our clubs hospitality during her recent visit to our club. Marge Gross made a motion to approve the secretary minutes as written second by Julie Clifton.

Program: Christy Hauer Director of The Center reported on the many programs offered at The Center and are now working on March For Meals Program. March 9 is Wine & Dine, March 18th fundraiser at The Pizza Ranch and March 22-24 is fundraiser at HyVee. You can join The Center at age 18 and if 60 or over your meals are only \$3.25 with over 200 meals served each day including the home bound. You can also buy a punch card for 10 meals at The Center for \$32.50 to use at HyVee. Our club member Marilyn Christensen is the nurse consultant taking vital signs etc. The free tax aid services 350-400 people each year. They also have the Shine & Medicare D program to assist seniors, along with the scoop it services removing snow and ice for seniors. Each month 190 boxes of commodities are available to low income seniors along with the senior companion taking people grocery shopping and to appointments. Since The Center has a generator it is an emergency center for the City of Yankton and County when power is out. Remember the three m’s , manpower, membership and money. Very informative program.

State Convention registration forms must be in by the end of March also arts and crafts may be entered at the convention. At the Eastern District meeting it was proposed to review the by-laws since the two districts were merged into one. Our clubs Parliamentarian Maysel Goltz along with a committee will review the By-Laws to bring to the State Convention.

Leadership: Marge Gross gave a very interesting report on the book

“Leadership of “Dummies.” Each person has the potential to be a leader. Managers do the right things while leaders do things the right way. Embrace responsibility, drop the word no, learn to volunteer and take interest in the people around you. The power of a leader is the cooperation of your group, smiling at people is the beginning of trust. Being positive, listening, vision and humility are the difference between leadership and management.

President Pauline opened the floor for nominations for Empowered Woman from the Yankton Club. Marilyn Huntley nominated Maysel Goltz, second by Peggy Schiedel. Joan Neubauer made a motion nominations cease. Maysel will represent our club as Empowered Woman at the State Convention April 19-21 in Huron.

Our hostesses today were Norma Iverson and Doree Allan. Door prizes were won by Peggy Schiedel, Judy Ray, Dot Blaha and Fran Fox. Peggy asked members to bring cookies to the April meeting for Habitat for Humanity workers. We are in need of salads and workers for our luncheon style show March 23. No further business the meeting was adjourned.

ROY ANDERSON POST NO. 12

The regular monthly meeting of Roy Anderson Post No. 12 was held on Tuesday, Feb 19, 2013, at Earnest Boyer Post 791 of the V.F.W., with both the Commander and Adjutant being present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Finance gave the monthly financial report and was approved as read.

Reports were also received from Membership, Americanism, Children and Youth and POW/MIA.

Americanism reported grocery delivery is way down otherwise good.

Member Darcy has sent out Boys State information letters and has conducted interviews with interested students.

Children and Youth reported things are going well, always getting calls for sport stuff. Will be contacting the City for the April City Clean up dates.

Membership reported that we have about 199 members and we are short 26 to make goal. Don List also attended the Mid-Winter in Oacoma and had stated that if you would like Veteran put on your driver’s license you need a copy of your DD 214 at the time of renewal. The March 18 Auxiliary meeting will have the Yankton Co. Legislators present to tell us what happened in Pierre during the session that meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

District 8 meeting will be April 6 at the Springfield Community Center, social at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting at 1 p.m..

Adjutant Brandt will have the Fun Nite raffle tickets at the March meeting we will need help selling tickets if you would be interested in helping please come to the meeting to get your tickets.

The next meeting will be on March 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post Home.

INTERCHANGE

President Kathy Jacobs opened the March 11 meeting of Interchange by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. David Jensen was introduced as the guest of Janet Jensen. Interchange members gave announcements about upcoming fundraising events and how to obtain tickets. The Yankton Area Arts Association will be hosting “Artist Unleashed,” a fine arts experience and fund-raiser in April and May. The Meade Building Restoration Project has a “Shamrock n’ Roll” fundraiser on March 16, and the Yankton Federation of Women will present a style show at The Center on

March 23. The documentary film “Bully” will be shown at the Yankton Community Library on March 14 with a discussion to follow.

Pam Kettering, Interim Director of the Yankton Area Mental Wellness Conference, introduced guest speaker Dr. Tom Stanage, Executive Director of Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health Services. Dr. Stanage told the group about the work being done by a group of leaders in our community to obtain funding for a Community Health Clinic in Yankton. He explained what a Federally Qualified Health Center is, and that Yankton County has qualified as a “community in need.” Dr. Stanage also spoke about the benefits of a community-based and patient-directed organization that could provide basic health care services to the medically underserved population. The grant funding

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MORNING COFFEE

WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY

Friday, March 15

7:40 am Vermillion Chamber (Steve Howe)

8:20 am United Way (Lauren Hanson)