

# Landscape Your Yard For Curb Appeal

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Laura Gollnick of NatureScaping Designs LLC in Yankton, (605) 661-1205, is the speaker for the spring presentation hosted by the Missouri Valley Master Gardeners on Tuesday March 25th. All are invited to Gollnick's "Curb Appeal with Landscaping" talk at the Avera Amphitheater on 501 Summit Ave. in Yankton.

"If you have a house without curb appeal, it can cost a lot to structurally [renovate] the house," Gollnick said. "We can add a lot of interest with landscaping. It doesn't have to be expensive. There's a lot you can do."

For her presentation she said, "I'll use examples of plain houses and show how to bring interest to them with landscaping. I'll show work I've done and explain why I did what I did." She'll talk about front and back yards. She said

that the audience will be encouraged to ask landscaping questions.

This is Gollnick's third year in her landscape design and installation business in Yankton. Her feedback from customers is that she puts extra detail into her design plan and includes many appropriate plant choices for seasonal interest. She helps the customer visualize how plants look in place.

"Some prefer evergreens and shrubs for less maintenance. Some don't mind maintenance and we use more perennials." She considers sun exposure for the site and customer personal preferences.

Her business also includes landscape maintenance such as flowerbed cleanup and shrub trimming. Water features such as ponds, streams, and "pond-less" waterfalls are her specialty. She will mention them in her talk.



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"Curb Appeal with Landscaping" will be presented by Laura Gollnick of NatureScaping Designs LLC at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, at the Avera Pavilion Amphitheater in Yankton.

Gollnick was born and raised in Yankton. She began learning about installing

ponds with her dad's pond installation business. Now Leonard Gollnick continues

Tropical Creations aquarium service and she install ponds and landscapes.

"In Yankton Middle School I looked forward to summers to help with the ponds," she said. That included hand digging, installing the liner and plumbing, moving rock, and landscaping around the pond.

"In high school I knew I wanted to start my own landscaping company when I completed my schooling." She graduated from Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls with a degree in Landscape Design and Horticulture Technology.

Her first season in business became the Drought of 2012. "It was hot. We didn't lose many plants. Our customers are good about watering."

One of her early customers was Linda Larson of Larson's Landing. "When Larsons moved due to the 2011 flood,

we saved their fish over the winter. When I built her new pond, we put them back in it. It was the least we could do as they had so much on their hands," Gollnick said.

Shann Dorr is co-president of the Missouri Valley Master Gardeners event hosts. She said that there is no charge for the talk but free will donations are welcome to help cover expenses.

"Many are interested in ideas for landscaping. Laura Gollnick is from Yankton and chooses plants suitable for this region in her work," Dorr said. "This spring presentation is for this area. Our master gardener mission is to inform and interact with the community about horticulture, and share our love and enthusiasm for gardening." For questions, see "Missouri Valley Master Gardeners" in Facebook or email: missourivalleyimg@yahoo.com

## Royal Neighbors Chapter Helps Victims

On March 17, Royal Neighbors Insurance chapter No. 572 members Rose Watembach, Peggy Doering, and Ruby Goeden presented fire victims, Jenny and Chris Hauger, with pots and pans, a slow cooker, kitchen utensils, tools, bath towels and washclothes.

The No. 572 chapter motto is to assist those in need in a time of tragedy or disaster.

## Yankton's Kitchen Place Earns Award

HARRISBURG — Showplace Wood Products recently named The Kitchen Place of Yankton a "President's Club Award" winner for exceptional cabinetry sales.

This is the 14th year they have been recognized for this achievement, which places them among the top Showplace dealers nationwide.

"With the housing market continuing to improve, Showplace has also continued to diversify, moving our capabilities in more-custom directions. Producing a higher level of cabinetry requires that we align ourselves with successful dealer-partners like The Kitchen Place of Yankton who are committed to being highly-trained and well-informed," said Showplace president Paul Sovo. "On behalf of every Showplace employee-owner, I am honored to present this award to the dedicated professionals at The Kitchen Place of Yankton," he adds.

Showplace cabinetry began with a simple idea: To offer the most-wanted features to the most people. This vision continues to evolve as regular product introductions allow Showplace dealers and their clients to reach-up to more custom levels.

"We believe Showplace cabinetry is 'the best choice in its class for people who are remodeling or building new homes,'" said Sovo. "We are grateful for reputable dealers like The Kitchen Place of Yankton who reinforce our beliefs every day through their sales of our products."

## FCSAmerica Announces Dividends

Farm Credit Services of America (FCSAmerica) has announced that eligible customer-owners in 14 counties in Southeast South Dakota, Northeast Nebraska and Northwest Iowa served by the FCSAmerica Yankton and Sioux City Retail Offices are receiving checks totaling \$6.21 million this month. These checks represent the areas' share of the cooperative's \$145 million cash-back dividend.

"Customers can spend or invest their cash-back dividends as they wish," said Neil Connot, Vice President. "But past results suggest a significant percentage will be spent in the communities where they live. The two local offices work with customers in Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Hutchinson, Clay, Union and Yankton counties in South Dakota, Cedar, Knox, Dixon, Dakota & Thurston counties in Nebraska and Plymouth, Woodbury and Monona counties in Iowa. The remainder of FCSAmerica's earnings is retained to serve the financial needs of rural America today and for future generations.

"We had a very good year in 2013 and we're very pleased that our customer-owners will receive a significant portion of our net earnings," said Connot. "The 2013 cash-back dividend is the largest in our history and is possible because of our financial cooperative's continued financial strength."

The \$145 million cash-back dividend for 2013 is the 10th in FCSAmerica's history and brings the total cash distributions since 2004 to \$830 million. During this same 10-year period, FCSAmerica's capital (members' equity) has grown from \$1.5 billion to \$3.6 billion and net income has grown from \$294 million to \$515 million.

Each eligible customer's cash-back dividend is based on the average loan volume during the calendar year. The more eligible loan business a customer has with the cooperative, the more they benefit financially through cash-back dividends. The FCSAmerica Board approved a patronage program for 2014, with the total cash-back dividend to be decided in December 2014.

For more information on the 2013 cash-back dividend, including county-by-county distributions, visit [powerofownership.com](http://powerofownership.com).

## United Way

# Fundraising Campaign Entering Final Push

March Madness is here! The devoted and determined fans and the time spent predicting the winners and filling in the infamous brackets are all part of this fun filled season.

Well, the countdown is also underway for the biggest game in our community - United Way's 2014 annual fundraising season, which ends March 31. And we're just as determined to amp up the pace and score a big win as the clock ticks down.

The United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton is making a final push in our annual campaign to support over 35 non-profit programs in the greater Yankton area. Our organization acts as a primary funding source for a variety of community organizations aimed at combatting poverty and supporting education and health initiatives. Currently we are still hoping to

hit the \$470,000 goal for this year.

The more funds generated through the campaign, the more funds we are able to re-invest in the community. While the campaign does seem to be in line with previous years, we are still facing a \$29,000 shortfall in 2014.

So far in this campaign we have seen incredible generosity from local businesses and individuals that we truly appreciate! We are hoping this final call for support will bring in the additional donations needed to meet goal.

We are urging those able to make a donation to do so. Any gift, no matter the size, will help better the community.

While some people give to individual agencies, United Way contributions are unique because they reach many local agencies all at the same time. The funds help 23 partner agencies,

providing over 35 essential programs. One donation, one dollar, can make an incredible impact.

Partner Agency, The Center's Executive Director, Christy Hauer, explained the United Way campaign is as important as ever, noting that the support helps her organization provides over 43,000 meals a year to seniors within our community.

According to Hauer, "there are hundreds of supplemental food boxes which are distributed monthly through the commodities program in addition to free meals each month which are provided to seniors who are below the poverty level. "We also help 600 seniors with their Medicare Part D filing which saves them thousands of dollars in healthcare costs," says Hauer.

"We are so grateful to be a United Way Partner Agency and truly appreciate the support we receive. Without

United Way funding we would not be able to operate at the level we currently do and we would not be able to help as many people as we are able to do," said Hauer.

United Way & Volunteer Services 2014 Campaign Chair, Jeff May also stresses the importance of giving. "We truly need the entire community's support," said May. "Think of it as an investment, which is truly is. You're investing in the future of your friends, neighbors and the community as a whole."

Those wishing to donate to United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton can visit [www.yanktonunit-edway.org](http://www.yanktonunit-edway.org) or mail contributions to 610 W 23rd Street, Suite 11 Yankton, SD 57078.

THANK YOU Yankton, for your continued support and dedication to COMMUNITY!

## Bingo Night



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A large crowd participated in Lincoln School's Bingo Night, held Thursday, March 6th from 7-8 p.m. in the Lincoln Gym. Popcorn, cookies, and water were available to parents and their children. All of the children who attended received Bingo prizes. There was no charge for the event which was sponsored by Lincoln's PTA.

## MILITARY

### RONALD KOSTROUN

Navy Seaman Ronald L. Kostroun, son of David D. Wells and Tamera L. Kostroun of Yankton, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week

program, Kostroun completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

## Gotch Joins Wells Fargo

Wells Fargo has added Bryan Gotch to its Business Banking team. Gotch, an ag industry specialist, splits his time between Wells Fargo's 200 Cedar St. location in Yankton and the 812 Cottage Ave. office in Vermillion.

Gotch has more than eight years of experience in financial services. He started his career with the former Wells Fargo Financial as a credit manager in



Gotch

Sioux City, Iowa. He then spent six years with Siouxland National Bank in South Sioux City, Neb., as a loan officer, assistant vice president and vice president.

A native of Jackson, Neb., and a current resident of Newcastle, Neb., Gotch holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Wayne State College in Wayne, Neb. Active in the community, he is vice president of the Newcastle School Board, serves as a catechist at St. Peter's Catholic Church and serves on both the Newcastle Alumni Committee and the Community Improvement Committee.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practi-

cal application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Kostroun is a 2011 graduate of Gayville-Volin High School, Gayville.

## MEETINGS

### TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, March 8, 2014, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by Vice President of Education, Doug Fickbohm. The invocation was given by Roy Wilcox, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Fickbohm introduced new member, Deanne Geditz and guest, Zack Vakke.

Joy Winther was introduced as the Toastmaster of the meeting and Contest Chair. Janice Stone gave the word of the day, which was "albeit." Matt Stone was appointed Sgt. at Arms. Winther then read the Speech Evaluation Contest rules and introduced the test speaker, Angela Mann. Mann's speech title was "I'm a Soggy Tortilla Wrap." The following evaluation contestants were introduced one by one as they gave their evaluations: John Swensen, Janice

Stone, and Vernon Arens.

Janice Kruse, Table Topics Master of the day, asked questions on the subject of feelings derived from reading short poems she had written. Fickbohm was again introduced as Master Evaluator to evaluate the meeting. Presentations were given by Grammarian, Janice Stone; Ah Counter, Jana Lane; and Joke Master, Vernon Arens. Other participants in the meeting were Timer, Jack Dahlseid and written evaluator, Kathy Hejna. Fickbohm held an induction ceremony to welcome new member, Deanne Geditz.

Table topics winner was Fickbohm, and evaluation contest winners were as follows: first place, Janice Stone; second place, Vernon Arens; third place, John Swensen.

Guests are welcome. For more information call 665-8448 or visit our website at [1294.toastmastersclub.org/](http://1294.toastmastersclub.org/).

### INTERCHANGE

Interchange met at noon on Monday, March 17, 2014, at Minervas, with President Frani Kieffer presiding. An announcement about the "Fighting Crimes Against Children" community forum on April 1 was made by Sherri Rodgers-Conti, Southeast CASA Program. Janet Jensen, 2014 Sculpture Walk Committee, announced a sneak preview of the new sculptures on March 27 at Czechers from 5-8 p.m.

Emma Laird announced that there is space for rent at Morgen Square. Marie Steckelberg of Steckelberg Consulting encouraged interested members to attend a grant writing workshop offered on April 3rd by the SD Grant Professionals Association. A reminder was made that applications for the Interchange scholarship at Mount Marty College are due by April 1. Contact MMC for more information.

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