

United Way

The Center Offers A Variety Of Activities, Services For Area Adults

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The Center is a club for adults who are 18 years or older. Our youngest member is 23 and our oldest member is 99. We have something for everyone regarding socialization, recreation and nutrition. We offer a wide array of activities: billiards, bingo, cards (pinochle, hand and foot, bridge and whist), computer classes, darts, dominos, exercise classes with Judi O'Connell every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, a fitness center featuring a NuStep, line dancing, quilting, scrapbooking, table tennis, Wii bowling and so much more. It costs just \$35 a year to be a member, which gives you the opportunity to participate in all our activities.

Many of our events are open to the public but members pay less to participate, adding value to your membership. We host a number of dances, tours and travel opportunities to casinos, dinner theatres and more, we host pancake feeds and a monthly evening meal, Sunday movies, and year round holiday celebrations. As a member, you receive a monthly 24 page newsletter keeping you informed of our many offerings.

The Center delivers many free services. We are currently in the midst of tax season where we partner with AARP. When it is all said and done we will have filed over 400 individual/family tax forms at no charge. This past year we assisted 725 individuals thru the SHINE program, helping people with the tricky Medicare Part D paperwork buffering them from much frustration. This free service saves people thousands of dollars in healthcare and pharmaceutical costs.

For low income Senior's we have a commodities program, distributing 198 boxes of supplemental food each month. We also offer a monthly pet food assistance program. Research shows that taking care of something adds years to one's life.

We are very proud of our Nutrition program. Over the past year we served 46,836 home-cooked nutritious hot meals thru the congregate dining effort, our partnership with HyVee and our



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The Center is a club for adults in the Yankton area. Some activities The Center has to offer are billiards, bingo, cards, computer classes, darts, dominos and exercise classes.

Meals on Wheels. Through our partnership with area churches our dedicated volunteers deliver just more than 17,000 meals a year, to those who are homebound, come rain or shine.

More than 5,000 meals are distributed at no cost to Senior's who are well below the poverty level. Our fundraising efforts coupled with the tremendous support we receive from United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton, funds the numerous free meals we serve to those most in need. Nationwide the Meals on Wheels program saves our government and taxpayers millions of dollars in long term care costs while keeping our Seniors independent in the comfort of their own home.

We partner with HyVee to provide Seniors with affordable meals in the evening, weekends and holidays. In fact, whether you dine at The Center or at HyVee, if you are over 60 years old, the recommended donation for a meal is only \$3.50, if you are under 60 years old you pay just \$6.50. We offer home-cooked meals Monday thru Friday from

11:30AM-12:30PM each day. All you have to do is call 665-1055 and make a meal reservation. If you haven't tried the food at The Center you are really missing out.

We are also getting geared up to launch our March for Meals campaign. The goal of the campaign is two-fold, to raise the dollars needed to fund our Meals on Wheels and Nutrition operation, and to also create community awareness about the seriousness of Senior Poverty and Hunger.

Over the weeks to come over 40 city and county officials will be volunteering their time and Beadle and Yankton Middle School students will do their annual drive to raise funds for the Meals on Wheels program. We are so grateful for the continued support we receive from our Board of Directors, Center Members and Volunteers, Churches, Service Clubs, Businesses, Individual Donors, participating Restaurants, Schools/Students and United Way.

If you want to make a difference and get involved just give us a call at 665-4685 or stop by our beautiful facility at 900 Whiting Drive.

Recognized For Years Of Service



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Employees of Applied Engineering were recently recognized for their years of service with the company. Pictured from left to right are Bill Johnson, 20 years; Calvin Schulte, 10 years; Bryan Derby, 20 years; Kelly Boyer, 20 years.

Lewis And Clark Recreation Area Receives 'A' Rating

Lewis and Clark Recreation Area near Yankton was one of just 34 campgrounds, RV parks and resorts across America to receive an all-around "A" rating from GuestRated.com/.

About 4,000 such sites were rated in the survey. Six of the "A"-rated sites

were South Dakota State Parks or Recreation Areas. Each park maintained an overall experience grade of "A" from a minimum 100 reviews. The other "A" rated parks include: Custer State Park, Hartford Beach State Park, Lake Vermillion Recreation Area, Newton Hills

State Park and West Whitlock Recreation Area.

Shane Bertsch, District Park Supervisor at Lewis and Clark Recreation near Yankton, said, "This is the second 'A' rating award for the park. The Lewis & Clark staff makes every effort to keep our facilities and grounds in

the best conditions possible for our visitors."

GuestRated.com solicits consumer feedback on 55 different guest satisfaction questions in addition to providing consumers the ability to post written comments and suggestions.

MEETINGS

YANKTON AREA WRITER'S CLUB

The Yankton Area Writer's Club met Monday, February 9, at the Fry'n Pan in Yankton.

Attendees: Heidi Andersen, Scott Bormann, June Ende, Roberta Engstedt, Margaret Hunhoff, Judy Jensen, Jonathan.

The February meeting was called to order.

1. Miscellaneous
Roberta recently had three poems accepted for publication in the University of Nebraska - Omaha Woman Poets Anthology. Heidi recommended the book, 1,000 Awesome Writing Prompts, to the group and brought in a copy for them to review. Margaret brought in copies of the writing prompt tool, "Greatest Pep Talk Ever."

2. Writing Contests/Opportunities
a. Dahl Mountain Poetry Competition
b. Glimmer Train
3. Recitations
a. Scott read his poem "This is Bovine Scatology" and the essay "Pure Evil" to the group.
b. June read her poems "The Abused," "Sweet Baby Boy" and "Arms Wide Open" to the group.
c. Roberta read her poems "Hell out of Dodge" and "Trophy Chicks" (that was published in the 2005 Words Like Rain Anthology) to the group. Roberta also read poems entitled "Aunt Tilly" and "I am Yes," and the essay "Grandma Lizzie" to the group.
d. Margaret read her story "The Great Debate" and an essay on growing up in South Dakota to the group.
e. Heidi read her short stories "Young Cupid" and "Cloak and Dagger" to the group.

f. Jonathan read a portion of his novel excerpt to the group.

The Yankton Area Writer's Club is pleased to announce our presence on social media! Follow us on Twitter at @YanktonWriters (https://twitter.com/YanktonWriters). Like us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/yanktonwriters.

The Yankton Area Writer's Club will meet Monday, March 9, 2015, at the Fry'n Pan in Yankton. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Membership is free and open to all ages and all genres of writing. For more information, please visit our NEW website: http://yanktonwriters.com, e-mail info@yanktonwriters.com, or contact Nancy Burk at (605) 664-6582.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

On March 5, Toastmasters (TI) Club 6217 met at noon in the Pavilion Conference Room with Gale Vogt giving a warm invocation and Eileen O'Connor as Toastmaster.

As General Evaluator (GE) Fran Kocer is responsible for improving the overall meeting. He introduced his team. They were: Jane Miller and Muriel Stach, timer; Jan Schiferl and Muriel Stach, evaluators; Gale Vogt, "ah/um" counter; and Greg Stach, grammarian. Stach's Word of the Day was steel (verb), meaning to mentally prepare one self.

A Speech was given by Jesse Bailey who spoke about his passion for helping others through Big Friend Little Friend: helping children have a positive role model, having adults learn from being mentors, and having the support of area businesses. He was evaluated by Jan Schiferl who enjoyed his passion for his work. Jen Hovland was a panel mod-

erator on the topic of Toastmaster Officer Experiences. Here panelists were Jennifer Wubben, Greg Stach, and Jane Miller. Wubben responded that being and officer helped her understand how her goals affect the club. Stach responded that being a club officer helped to build experience for being a District officer. Miller responded that being a club officer helped her to build confidence which lead her to the path of her current professional role. Muriel Stach's evaluation expressed the preparation Hovland took to cover a relevant topic in the group.

GE Kocer recognized Jan for giving her first speech evaluation and commented to Jesse how a co-worker was positively impacted by being a Big Friend. Kocer stated that he like the different format with the panel and was thankful for the help of all to make the meeting enjoyable.

Toastmaster O'Connor then turned the meeting over to President Greg Stach, who invites anyone interested in attending this open club to call him at 605-665-6776.

ROY ANDERSON POST NO. 12

The meeting of Feb. 17, 2015, was called to order by Commander Fran Johnson with members Brandt, Darcy, DeBoer, D. List, Robert Gravholt, Huisman and Robert Amon (New Member) being present. All saluted the colors which were in place and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain F. Johnson (Pro Tem) gave the invocation.

Minutes: Previous months minutes and Financial report were approved.

Boys State: Director Darcy

stated that he presented the Boys State plaque to the High School, also for the first time in years we have filled all 15 slots of Boys Staters.

Children and Youth: Director Johnson said that he has a lot of bikes and other stuff on hand not much else going at the time being. Will be trying to distribute shortly.

Membership: 208 we are quickly approaching another year gone and only have a few months left to make our quota. If you haven't paid your 2015 dues yet please do so, we do not want to see any members losing there consecutive years for not paying there yearly dues, also we cannot function properly without your support.

POW/MIA: No report the website used was down for maint.

Americanism: Yankton County Commander Darcy presented the Post with a Americanism Citation. Don List talked on the MidWinter. There was discussion on the Life Membership costs. National Executive Committee man Evenson talked a bit on Post histories. The history for the Post is in progress if you have anything you would like to contribute, please call Adjutant Brandt at 760-5298.

Unfinished Business: None
New Business: Post discussed Fun Night which is on April 25th at the VFW more details to follow. We have started selling tickets now, if you would like to purchase one please call Adjutant Brandt

Sick Call: Dave Happe Robert Massey
Post Everlasting: None
Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next meeting: March 17, 730 p.m., VFW Post Home.

Club 6217 Welcomes Jesse Baily

Jesse Bailey, Yankton, recently joined Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters.

Making presentations is one part of his many duties as Director of Big Friend Little Friend. Therefore, Bailey will continue to improve both his impromptu and prepared speeches.

The positive atmosphere of Club 6217 is designed to help all speakers improve vocal variety, use more effective hand gestures, and eliminate the un-



Jesse Baily

needed "ums" often heard during pauses.

Yankton's Payless Shoe Source Honored

Yankton's Payless Shoe Source was recently honored as being the No. 1-ranked store in the four-state area.

Such a ranking includes sales increases, conversion improvement, customer satisfaction scores and units per transaction, all weighted towards a single score. Yankton's store finished first in sales increase, first in units per transaction, second in customer satisfaction, and eighth in conversion to win the award.

The four state area includes South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota. The Yankton store was also recognized as finishing in the top 1 per cent of all 4400 stores nationwide for 2014 fiscal year.

Vast Broadband Launches In SD

SIOUX FALLS — Vast Broadband, formerly WOW!, officially launches in select service areas throughout South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota. In addition to a new name and website (VASTbroadband.com),

Vast also brings upgraded Internet speeds to much of its service area — up to 50 Mbps download speeds to start.

"It's been several months in the making, and it was time well spent," said Jim Gleason, president and CEO of Vast Broadband. "We're proud to offer customers a vastly better experience at launch. Very soon, we'll be upgrading our lowest Internet speeds for all existing customers free of charge. We'll also be offering more HD channels, more sports programming ... and it will only get better over time."

Over the next several months, Vast Broadband will continue to enhance its network, adding even faster speeds and greater stability — for both its residential and business customers. It's all part of the Vast mission to invest in the communities it serves and deliver great services at a great value.

"We know that customers are skeptical of another provider change, but Vast is very different," said Gleason. "We've made much-needed improvements to the network and will continue making improvements indefinitely."

In addition to network improvements, Vast Broadband has also made great strides in enhancing the customer service side of its business. All service calls to Vast are handled locally by its South Dakota call center. Vast also has been working to reduce call answer times, on-hold times and installation appointment windows.

These improvements have implications for the business community as well. Vast offers a host of competitively priced services, including Internet, TV and hosted VOIP phone systems.

"We expect to raise the bar for customers in every regard," said Gleason. "Whether it's our Internet speed, business-class services, flexible installation windows or same-day service calls, we want customers to know that Vast is FAST."

Schlingman Earns Ruby Masters Award

CENTURY 21 Professional Real Estate is pleased to announce that Carla Schlingman, was recently recognized as a top-producer nationwide when she was honored with the coveted CENTURY 21 Ruby Masters Award.

Ruby level status is awarded to a C21(r) agent who has met minimum sales production of 33 closed transaction sides within a calendar year. The agent also receives a trophy and a personal invitation to attend the annual CENTURY 21 Top Agent Retreat in Orlando, Florida.

Carla places her real estate wisdom and passion for life into her everyday business, helping to make clients more comfortable with the real estate transaction as they make what may be the most significant purchase of their lives.

Carla is a valued and trusted real estate resource for the Yankton community and a major contributor to the overall success of Century 21 Professional Real Estate and the Century 21 system as a whole, said Harvey Youngberg, broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Professional Real Estate.

"It is indeed an honor to receive the Masters Award and be recognized among such talented and dedicated group of real estate sales professionals," said Schlingman.

CENTURY 21 Professional Real Estate is a full-service brokerage located at 1701 Broadway Ave., Yankton.



Support Meals on Wheels, Center activities and equipment needs.

Saturday, March 21st
5:30-8:30pm

Social Hour/Wine Tasting 5:30pm

Silent Auction 5:30-7:15pm

Hors d'oeuvres 6:30pm

Live Auction 7:45pm

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