

HOMETOWNNEWS

Heartland Humane Society Receives Media Grant

Heartland Humane Society received a grant for \$1,000 from the Midcontinent Media Foundation for the Sioux Falls region. The organization applied for the grant in February and plans to use the funds to purchase stainless steel cages to house adoptable animals as they await new homes at the facility. Mike Drummond of the Midcontinent Media Foundation delivered the grant check to Heartland Humane Society on Thursday, May 13th. The foundation will deliver nearly \$36,000 in grant money to organizations

like Heartland Humane Society in the Sioux Falls region alone. "This grant money is yet another step forward for our organization," said Tasha Anderson, executive director at Heartland Humane Society. "Thank you to the Midcontinent Foundation for believing in and assisting with our vision to help the animals of the communities that we serve." For additional information or to schedule an interview, contact Tasha Anderson at 605-664-4244 or email hhs@midconetwork.com.



Tasha Anderson, executive director at Heartland Humane Society accepts a grant check from Mike Drummond of the Midcontinent Media Foundation.

Donation Promotes Health

The South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC) collected items for those in need in the Yankton community. Held during May, in recognition of National Nurses Week, HSC staff donated 15 boxes of items that were distributed to participants of The Banquet. Donated items included personal hygiene items, sunscreen and insect repellent, first aid items, topical medications and cash.

HSC's Nurse Recruitment and Retention Committee coordinated the project to increase awareness for preventive health care and health promotion, which is a primary focus for nursing care today.

HSC's psychiatric nurses are committed to carrying out the mission to provide persons with mental illness or chemically dependency with effective, individualized, professional treatment, which enables them to achieve their highest level of personal independence in the most therapeutic environment.



HSC nurses serving as project committee members are pictured as they boxed items for delivery, back row, left to right: Krista Johnson, RN; Shari Hussing, Charge RN; Deb Mehrer, RN; and pictured in front is Molly Shreves, RN.

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS



American Legion Citizenship Awards were presented to Yankton Middle School students during awards ceremonies on May 21, 2010. Presentation was made by Lee Skalberg, Vice Commander of American Legion Post 12. YMS recipients of the 2010 American Legion Awards were: (from left) Matthew Watt, Abby Schulte, Lee Skalberg, and Juan Skorey. Not pictured is award winner Layne Droppers.

CIVITAS HONORS



Submitted photo. Pictured from left are seniors Mauri Becker, Hannah Lincoln, and Peder Thompson. They are the first graduates of Augustana College's Civitas Program. Hannah Lincoln is the daughter of Lori Lincoln of Yankton. The Civitas Program is designed to complement existing departmental honors programs, not to replace them. Augustana students may graduate with Civitas Honors and/or Departmental Distinction. Civitas seeks to recruit academically gifted, creative, and intellectually curious scholars who wish to fully explore a liberal arts education and the responsibilities of citizenship in a global community.

FLIPPIN' JACKS!



Submitted photo. Mrs. Wagner, Principal of Yankton Middle School and YMS PTSA Box Top Coordinator Marica Withrow adorned their chef's hat and aprons last week to flip pancakes for Mr. Mikkelsen's (7th grade) homeroom. Their class alone turned in 1411 box tops for the year. The total from all the homerooms combined was 12,494. Each box top collected is worth 10 cents. Each month, students turn in their box tops during home room, and Mrs. Withrow counts them. The homeroom with the most box tops for each grade level receives homemade muffins prepared by Withrow. The grand prize for the homeroom with the most box tops at the end of the year receives a full breakfast in homeroom in May.

KICKING IN FOR SOCCER



Submitted photo. Yankton Morning Optimist Club President Perry Ford presents a \$1000 check to Jason Winterringer of the Yankton Youth Soccer Association. This was done between innings at the annual Sioux City Explorers-Mt. Marty College baseball game at Riverside Park sponsored by the Optimists. Checks were also presented to the Ice Figure Skating Program, the Yankton Ice Association Zamboni Fund, and the Yankton Baseball Association.

SCHOLASTICS

MITCHELL — 408 students graduated from Mitchell Technical Institute in annual commencement exercises held Friday, May 7, at the World's Only Corn Palace in Mitchell.

** Denotes high honors (4.0-3.75). * Denotes honors (3.74-3.5).

Avon: Michelle Cuka, Accounting/Business Management; Julie Plaatje, Computer Systems Technology; Andrew Powers, Electrical Construction & Maintenance; Breannah Bertsch, Medical Assistant; Centerville: Justin Nelsen, Electrical Construction & Maintenance; Dante: Amy Raymond, Accounting/Business Management; Freeman: James Herman, Electrical Construction & Maintenance; Hurley: Marcus Dangel, Electrical Construction & Maintenance; Irene: Nicholas Rempp, Electrical Construction & Maintenance; Matthew Davis, Electrical Construction & Maintenance; Lake Andes: Jessica Anderson, Accounting/Business Management; Kaylene Stirling, Computer Systems Technology; Patrick Pasick, Electrical Construction & Maintenance; Lesterville: Aaron Auch, Wind Turbine Technology; Menno: Joshua Neuharth, Agricultural Technology; Justin Massey, Agricultural Technology; Olivet: Steve Herman, Electrical Construction & Maintenance; Parkston: Trenton Burbach, Architectural Design & Building Construction; Justin Thury, Computer Systems

Technology; Sara Roth, Medical Assistant; Cole Anderson, Outdoor Power & Recreational Vehicle Technology; Scott Roth, Outdoor Power & Recreational Vehicle Technology; Justin Hanson, Telecommunications; Cameron Haag, Wind Turbine Technology; Platte: Hayden Kuiper, Architectural Design & Building Construction; Eryn Meyerink, Medical Assistant and Medical Secretary/Transcriptionist; Angie Rasmussen, Medical Secretary/Transcriptionist; Landon Bronsdema, Outdoor Power & Recreational Vehicle Technology; Douglas Uzzle, Propane & Natural Gas Technologies; Andrew Bakken, Satellite Communications; Joel Pranger, Wind Turbine Technology; Scotland: Carl Evenson, Agricultural Technology; Anthony Edwards, Computer Systems Technology; Cody Ehke, Power Line Construction & Maintenance; Jason Pechous, Power Line Construction & Maintenance; Nick Henschel, Utilities Technology; Springfield: Michael Ludens, Computer Software Specialist; Tabor: Kyle Sulera, Electrical Construction & Maintenance; Tripp: Herbert Stoebner, Accounting/Business Management; Jordan Ziegler, Architectural Design & Building Construction; Tara Cooper, Medical Assistant; Amber Bakke, Medical Secretary/Transcriptionist; David Pietz, Power Line Construction & Maintenance; Daniel Janssen, Wind Turbine Technology; Tyndall: Nickolas Soukup,

Agricultural Technology; Kristi Slama, Automation Controls/SCADA; Utica: James Murphy, Computer Systems Technology; Vermillion: Nicholas Rasmussen, Computer Systems Technology; Jesse Kirkpatrick, Electrical Construction & Maintenance; Andrew Eldem, Power Line Construction & Maintenance; Broc Gauer, Power Line Construction & Maintenance; Curtis Haakinson, Propane & Natural Gas Technologies; Viborg: Sean Christiansen, Power Line Construction & Maintenance; David Nelson, Propane & Natural Gas Technologies; Brandon Zimmerman, Telecommunications; Wagner: Bryce Eggers, Agricultural Technology; Thomas Peters, Automation Controls/SCADA; Jordan Kroil, Power Line Construction & Maintenance; Wakonda: Kenneth Erickson, Architectural Design & Building Construction; Christopher Nelsen, Electrical Construction & Maintenance; Andrew Ganschow, Wind Turbine Technology; Yankton: Kyle Anderson, Computer Systems Technology; Robert Krotzinger, Computer Systems Technology; Kevin Lindquist, Electrical Construction & Maintenance; Tanner Kusel, Outdoor Power & Recreational Vehicle Technology; Jesse Binder, Power Line Construction & Maintenance; Ryan Goeden, Power Line Construction & Maintenance; Zachary Pedersen, Power Line Construction & Maintenance; Robert Smith, Power Line Construction & Maintenance; Vincent Wellenstein, Utilities Technology

MEETING MINUTES

KEYSTONE CHAPTER #33, OES

Keystone Chapter #33, OES, met Thursday, May 20, at the Masonic Temple in Yankton. Worthy Matron Carol Frey presided. Velma Decker, Marge Hansen, and Marilyn Kratz were pro tems. The chapter will co-host a style show in September with The Center. Buzz Mann is contact person for the Center. Charlotte Gilson will chair a committee planning the event.

Janelle Kribell will plan a tea to be held in the fall. Frey read an inspirational poem for Mother's Day.

Corinn Harnish hosted a social hour after the meeting. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, June 17, 2010, at the Masonic Temple, beginning with a pot luck supper at 6:30. The Memorial Service will be held at the meeting.

LILLEHAMMER LODGE #1-633 SONS OF NORWAY

May 18, 2010 the Lillehammer Lodge #1-633 of the Yankton area met at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Yankton. The meeting was led by President, Joanne Christensen leading the group in the national anthems of the United States and Norway accompanied by Phyllis Neilsen and also the flag pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America. The minutes of the last meeting were read & with one correction were approved.

The Treasurer, Clarice Holm, was absent due to a hand injury. Small current expenses will be covered using lunch offering money if needed.

Serving committees were again discussed. The May committee is the same as 2009 & the following months will also be the same as 2009. The site of the July picnic was chosen to be the shelter nearest

Douglas St. & the Territorial Capitol building. John Grindvold was recognized for the article written in the P&D about his model of the Rapid City Stavekirke.

Convention information was noted by Pres. Joann. Also noted the Sommerfest will be held at Dalesburg Lutheran Church north of Vermillion in June. Nordland Fest will no longer be held in Sioux Falls due to lack of persons to help with putting this on.

Deb Overseth presented a program on the RSVP program that is very active in the Yankton area. This consists of retirement-age volunteers helping with various programs in the area. This program has been active in Yankton for the last 8 yrs & logged 37000 hrs in 2009. There are many options to assist with in the community. Deb also talked on the Literacy Council that works with RSVP on some projects. This group does a lot of tutoring of English as Second Language for speaking & reading. Ms. Overseth mentioned that newer books & more supplies are needed for this. There is an upcoming fund raiser being held at Kart Trax west of Yankton, open to the whole family for fun for fundraising.

Phyllis Neilsen accompanied & led the singing of, "Hils fra mig der hjemme" ("A Sailor's Greeting") and "Kan du glemme gamle Norge?" ("Old Norway")

It was reported that Connie Kendall is recovering from a blood clot in her leg.

John Grindvold led the Norwegian table prayer, the birthday names were read and the birthday song was sung, lunch was then served.

WOMEN OF TODAY

Lewis and Clark Women of Today held their monthly meeting on

May 6, 2010. Call to order at 6:40 p.m. First order of business was installation of Officers for the 2010-2011 year: Morgan Hauger, President; Shellee Heinemeyer, Vice President; Mary Wright, treasurer/secretary; and Sue Roberts, COB/Chaplin.

Call to order at 6:40 p.m. by Morgan. April Bodden led flag pledge, Peggy Shurman led Invocation, Shellee led Women of Today Creed.

South Dakota t-shirts are for sale through the state treasurer. Year-end conference was held April 23-24 in Yankton. Four national officers attended, each giving motivating and informational speeches. Chapter goals were set for the year. A discussion on perspective members concluded with setting a membership drive date of June 25, 2010 at 6 p.m. at 508 E. 5th Street. To celebrate Women of Today week we will do a Pizza Ranch Fundraiser on September 20, 2010 for Domestic Violence, our national priority. Next meeting is June 7, 2010 at 6 p.m. at Ability Building Services with a discussion and vote of community priorities, community development, and Focus on Women Courses.

LOCAL COUNCIL GETS UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Jan Jorgensen, Coordinator of the Northeast Nebraska RC&D, gave a presentation on this year's current projects. The Council was surprised to see 28 projects being worked by the group. This helps with economic development, promoting good stewardship in the Northeast Nebraska area, promotes tourism and to receive grants which bring additional dollars into the area.

The stream monitoring project on the Bazile Creek near Center, NE was well attended on Monday, May 17. Dr. Barbara Hayford, Wayne

State College, AJS Museum of Natural History and Department of Life Sciences was the leader. Much information was gathered in the group's findings, 106 benthic specimens were collected, counted and identified. It is recommended that the group continue to monitor this stream twice a year.

Over 10,000 pounds of waste was collected at the household hazardous waste collection. Some of the items collected were paint, pesticides, acid, batteries, antifreeze and light bulbs.

Please plan to attend the American Indian Heritage "Feather & Dance" Celebration on May 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 507 Highway 275 West, Meadow Grove, Nebraska. Demonstrations will be held in the morning and the dancers and drums begin at 1:00 p.m. It should be a fun event for all ages. Vendors will be present with food, drinks and crafts.

Thursday, June 17 will be the Electronics Recycling Event at the Wayne transfer station site located at 110 Windom St., Wayne, NE. There will be a small fee. Please contact the office at 402-582-4866 or Kim Swanson 402-857-3515 at Niobrara with questions.

The Blossoms, Butterflies & Birds Tour will be held on July 7 in Knox County. A meal is being planned with the tour. Please call 402-582-4866 for more details or e-mail northeastrcd@plvnetco.net. You may also watch the website www.nenercd.org with more information.

The next RC&D meeting will be June 28, 2010 at the office in Plainview, NE. Please watch for more information on this meeting.

LADIES VFW AUXILIARY

Preceding the meeting of the Ladies VFW Auxiliary meeting, Joyce Stahecker, Legislative

Chairman, introduced Nick Moser and Bernie Hunoff, two Legislators, to speak and answer questions. There were thirty-one in attendance including many men of the Post.

President Stoddard then introduced Jan Putnam of our local Special Olympic program. She was presented a check of one thousand dollars from the Auxiliary Special Olympic Leprchaun program.

The meeting was then opened by President Stoddard. Committee reports were given.

Funeral Chairman Lola DeJong reported on funeral notices served for William Wiedenfeld, Gary Steinback and Gerald Ryle. Cancer Chairman Marjorie Olson reported the auxiliary has paid one thousand four hundred twenty-five dollars over our cancer obligation. Standing rules had been read and changes were needed. Corrections will be made by our next meeting.

Relay for Life has contacted President Stoddard to present the colors at the up-coming program on July sixteenth.

Installation of new officers was held. President: Shelly Stoddard; Senior Vice President: Norma Bender; Junior Vice President: Lola DeJong; Secretary: Jackie Simonsen; Assistant Secretary: Lola DeJong; Treasurer: Marge Olson; Chaplain: Jane Slowey; Conductress: Marlene Schramm; Guard: lone Fisher; Trustee: three year: Dorothy Stange; Flag Bearer: Mary O'Conner Absent; Banner Bearer: Joyce Stahecker; Patriotic Instructor: Joyce Stahecker.

Stahecker read the Official Audit Report. It was moved to accept.

Aletha Peterson's name was drawn for the Attendance Prize-absent. Shirley Christensen won the 10-cent cup. Jane Slowey and Marlene Schramm served a delicious lunch.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met Monday, May 24 at the Waterfront.

Kathy Jacobs, Yankton Community Library, announced a raffle benefiting the Women's and Children's Shelter. The tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20 with wonderful prizes being drawn for at Riverboat Days. Julie Perakalis, Keep Yankton Beautiful, reminded members of the upcoming Children's Theater Presentation in June and the Shop Local campaign launched by the Chamber. Shop local is an awareness campaign of the marketplace supporting local business with coupons available on the internet at the Yankton Community Library and the local United Way office.

New members were introduced each presented a brief synopsis of themselves professionally.

New Members in attendance: Pauline Aklund-City Commissioner for the City of Yankton and Training Coordinator for Shur-co, Jennifer Bockholt-Co-owner of Stepping Stones Childcare Center, Anne Doherty-Stephan-Chief of Interpretation and for the National Park Service, Hollie Pearson-Co-owner of Stepping Stones Childcare Center, Julie Perakalis-Executive Director of Keep Yankton Beautiful, Sarah Sager-Special Projects with Avera Education and Staffing Solutions, and Arlene Kathan-Regional Manager, Child Protection Services. Each new member delivered a brief presentation of their professional career.

New members unable to attend: Frani Kieffer-Avera Sacred Heart, Lisa Wittenhagen-Black Hills State University, Janet Jensen-self-employed artist.

There will be no meeting on Monday May 31 due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Monday, June 6 will be the next meeting.