

SHARING THEIR TALENTS



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Kayla Sylvester, a student in Mrs. Hoffner's creative writing class at YHS, shares a children's book that she wrote and illustrated for Mila Saul and Bryn Kolberg, students in Mrs. Becker's 1st grade classroom at Beadle Elementary. Mrs. Becker's students complete an interest questionnaire allowing the creative writing students to apply the elements of story writing to an actual audience. Twenty-five 1st graders received personalized stories through the cross-classroom project and field trip on Tuesday, May 8th.



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Sam Hummel YHS senior says, "It has been the most meaningful project of my high school years." Pictured with Hummel is first grader Cole Roth.

OPTIMIST CLUB GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY



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John Lillevold, Vice President, The Yankton Morning Optimist presented Yankton Girls Softball with a check for \$800.



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John Lillevold, Vice President, The Yankton Morning Optimist presented the Yankton Boys & Girls Club with a check for \$1,000.



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John Lillevold, Vice President, The Yankton Morning Optimist presented the Yankton Big Friend Little Friends with a check for \$1,600.



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John Lillevold, Vice President, The Yankton Morning Optimist presented the Yankton Figure Skating club with a check for \$1,000.

CITIZENSHIP WINNERS



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The prestigious American Legion Citizenship Award was presented to Yankton Middle School students during their awards ceremony on May 14th. YMS recipients (L to R) Colby Benson, Sophie Drotzmann and Joseph Kelly, are pictured with Mr. Darrell Ausborn, Commander of American Legion Post 12.

LOYALTY DAY HONORS



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Lt. Mike Rothschild of the Yankton County Sheriff's Department receives an award from Post Commander Rich Wright during the VFW Loyalty Day Awards presentation.



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Steve Hermanson of the Yankton Volunteer Fire Department receives an award from Post Commander Rich Wright during the VFW Loyalty Day Awards Presentation.

MEETING MINUTES

VFW AUXILIARY MINUTES

Preceding the meeting on May 8, 2012, Jan Putnam from the local Special Olympic organization was introduced and presented a check in the amount of \$2,000. The Meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary V.F.W. Post 791 was opened by President Joyce Stahlecker. Committee reports were given. Unfinished business was a position for Jr. Vice President. Mary Wright was nominated and elected. New business: President Stahlecker commented on the May 20 District #1 meeting to be held in Yankton. The Post will furnish the meat, the Auxiliary will furnish salads and desserts. The State Convention will be in Brookings which Stahlecker, Stange and Simonsen are planning on attending. Commander Rich Wright and Quartermaster Frank Gibson talked about the Jamboree that is held every 8 to 10 weeks. They asked if the Auxiliary would mind cancelling bingo that night so the jamboree could continue longer. It will be discussed at the next meeting. Installation Officer Dorothy Stange installed the new officers. A gift was presented to the Installation officer by Joyce Stahlecker. Poppy sales will be brought up at the next meeting, with Dorothy Blaha as new Poppy Chairman. The birthday gift to Mike Bjerkas was discussed and approved. Stange mentioned that Pat Hansen fell and was injured. She is at the Wakonda Nursing Home but hopes to return to her home in a few weeks. Shelly Stoddard won the 10-cent cup, the \$10 door prize went to Dorothy Blaha. The door prize for the next meeting will be \$2. The meeting was adjourned and a lunch was served by Marlene Schramm and Jane Slowey.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER NO. 33, OES

Keystone Chapter #33, OES, met Thursday, May 17, at the Masonic Temple, Yankton. Sue Koopp, Worthy Matron, presided. One petition for affiliation was accepted. One application for a 50-year pin was read. Associate Matron Janelle Kribell reported Easter cards were sent to residents of the Eastern Star nursing home, local members who are shut-ins, and 50-year members. She thanked everyone who helped with the salad luncheon on May 10. Koopp reported the chapter served two meals for Scottish Rite functions at the Masonic Temple. Koopp has been appointed Grand Representative of Indiana in South Dakota. Kribell presented her with the certificate, pin, and materials relating to that Grand Chapter. The altar was draped in memory of local and Grand Chapter members who have died in the past year. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 21, at the Masonic Temple in Yankton, beginning with a pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m. Masons will be honored at the meeting and are invited to attend the supper.

INTERCHANGE

President Kathy Jacobs called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Shannon Vierick, Mount Marty College Director of Annual Giving was introduced as a new member. The Board of Directors gave members a preview of the upcoming June 11 annual meeting. The preview included a review of proposed changes to the by-laws by Celia Miner and Lois Varvel who at the Board's direction worked on the proposal. The purpose of the re-

vision is to address the many changes that have occurred over time since the creation of Interchange. The changes in technology, work force, and legal issues have been included. Members had a chance to address questions, concerns, and other issues. The final draft and a budget for the next fiscal year will be sent to all members for approval or changes prior to the annual meeting. There will be no meeting on Memorial Monday. The next meeting will be held on June 4 at Minerva's at noon. Guest speaker will be Susan Schavee about the Great Retirement Adventure.

GFWC YANKTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Yankton Chapter of GFWC Woman's Club met May 5, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club. President Julie called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance, South Dakota Pledge and Collect for Women were given. President Julie thanked our hostesses today, Loraine Mceely and Marilyn Weverstad. Program: State Convention display of arts. Eileen Leshar received 2 awards for her knitted items. Arlene Young is a new member today and will be installed at the September meeting. Leadership. Ellen Rodenberg reported on one of our greatest leaders Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She organized a group of nuns to serve the poorest of the poor and the sick and dying. Ellen read some of Mother Teresa's quotes. She firmly believed being unwanted, and unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everyone was a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat. Each of them is Jesus in disguise. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as written. The Treasurer's report will be filed pending audit. President Julie presented outgoing Treasurer Alta Kussman a bouquet of flowers and a 1 year subscription of GFWC Club Woman Magazine. Alta served as our club treasurer for 22 years. Thanks for all the years Alta and a job well done. Nancy Burgess will be installed into the Yankton High School Hall of Fame May 10th. This is in appreciation for the support given to the school. Bingo at Majestic Bluffs: Norma Iverson, Judi Olson, Relda Trout, Donna Fischer and Denise Erickson assisted residents at the April bingo. The final bingo is May 26 at 1:45pm. Marilyn Huntley reported her husband Roger's bronzed sculpture won the peoples choice award. The city is buying it and will be placed

permanently on the sculpture walk in downtown Yankton. Marilyn Huntley was awarded the retiree of the year from International Associates Workforce Professionals, "IAWP". President Julie reported on GFWC State Convention April 27-29 in Huron. Our club received 9 awards: 2 1st place, 3-2nd and 4-3rd place awards. Our State GFWC is taking applications for scholarships, 9 of the current applicants are from Yankton. President Julie installed the officers for 2012-2014. President Pauline Aklund, 2nd Vice Pres Jill Huetig, Secretary Ellen Rodenberg, Treasurer Dot Blaha and Parliamentarian Maysel Goltz. 1st Vice Pres Donna DeJean will be installed at the September meeting. Outgoing President Julie received a standing ovation on a job well done. She gave each member a booklet called "One Word One Heart." Dot Blaha presented Julie a past presidents bar and a GFWC pin to our new President Pauline Aklund. The door prize given by Loraine and Marilyn was won by Peggy Schiedel. Peggy also proposed and made a motion that future club donations be given to the homeless shelter for men, women and children. It was 2nd by Nancy Burgess. Motion passed. No further business meeting the meeting was adjourned by President Pauline Aklund.

YANKTON AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Yankton American Legion Auxiliary met May 21, 2012, with President Betty Adam presiding. Helen Simpson reported that we now have 111 members. Donna Knapp, daughter of Irene Imig, has joined. Members are encouraged to recruit new members so we may meet our membership goal for next year. Helen also requests address and phone number changes to put into next year's Auxiliary book. Poppy sales grossed \$2,444.81 which is a slight increase over last year. Registration for Girls State is May 28, 2012, at Vermillion. Girls State runs May 28 through June 2, 2012. Two Americanism Poems, from the

Yankton Unit, won prizes at the District 8 Meeting. Lauren Eidsness won 2nd prize and Adele Benoit won 3rd prize. Janice DeJong, assisted by Chaplain Kathleen Ekeren, conducted a Memorial Service honoring deceased members: Connie Tschetter, Alice Kupfer, Alice Jensen and Verena Heimes. The Department Convention will be held June 16 and 17, 2012, at Watertown. Discussion was held regarding the delegates that will attend the Department Convention and the need to submit the list of delegates and \$5 fee, per delegate (regardless of if the delegate attends or not) to Pat Coyle, prior to the start of the convention. Betty Adam will check with Pat Coyle for the proper form and submit the list of names and required fees. A delicious lunch was served by Helen Simpson and Judy Eisenmenger. The June meeting will be held June 18, 2012, with the program being Election and Installation of Officers. Lunch hostesses are Floris Woodhouse and Joyce List.

TOASTMASTERS 6217

Guest Adam Nebal, an intern from Omaha, Neb., was the guest of Sheryl Schwartz. Nebal had the privilege of hearing two speakers, Tim Bohn and Joe Neuhaflen, at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters meeting May 10 at noon in the Benedictine Center. Bohn's informative speech, "Education and Entertainment," was from the Speech Craft Guide on how to pick a speech topic. Neuhaflen's goal was to organize his thoughts in "Wow! What a Rush!" a history of snowmobiles. They both received the Best Speaker trophy. General Evaluator Jennifer Wubben's team member Steve Anderson led the invocation. Wubben then introduced the day's grammarian, Chelsi Hames, with requests that speakers use "notorious" throughout the meeting. Wubben's other team members had the duties of timing and counting the unneeded "ums". They were Jeff May and Taylor O'Bryan, respectively.

The day's evaluators were Eileen O'Connor, who did a written critique for Bohn, and Schwartz, who commented on Neuhaflen's hand gestures and eye contact. Schwartz received the award for Best Evaluator. Toastmaster and Table Topics Master, Muriel Stach, showed pictures and read commentaries from 1955. She asked for mini-speeches concerning the changes of time. Bohn won the Best Respondent award by chronicling the use of the 1950's "new" electric typewriter to the modern use of digital devices. There's a correction to last week's minutes, President Schwartz had asked for Club 6217's treasurer's report. This week Treasurer Bohn gave that breakdown of expenses and credits. Bohn was also previously asked to file all needed TI non-profit reports. Other items on Schwartz's agenda were requests for officer nominations to be given to the nomination committee (i.e., Bohn, Jane Miller and Schwartz) and an update on achieving the Club goals.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

The May 19, 2012, meeting was opened by President John Swensen. Janice Stone led the group in a prayer and a pledge of allegiance. The Toastmaster of the day was John Swensen. Speeches were given by Vernon Arens and Kathy Hejna. Table topics were led by Tara Arens. Master Evaluator Kevin Buhl introduced his evaluation team, evaluators Matt Stone and Joy Winther, Ah counter Jana Lane, Grammarian Doug Fickbohm, Timer Janice Stone, and vote counter Jana Lane. Joke master of the day was Doug Fickbohm. The winners of the trophies were Kathy Hejna speech, Matt Stone evaluator and Doug Fickbohm for best table topics. Meeting are held every Saturday morning 7:30 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant. Everyone is welcome.

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