

## VFW LADIES DONATION



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The V.F.W. Post 791 Ladies Auxiliary was glad once again to be able to donate to the Yankton Special Olympics. With the help of Leprechauns, Ladies Auxiliary and support of the community, the Ladies Auxiliary President Joyce Stahlecker presented Jan Putnam and her granddaughter Aubrey with a check for \$2,000. The funds will stay in town to help the Special Olympic Programs.

## ARENS SCHOLARSHIP



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Travis Arens of Fordyce (left) is presented a certificate by Galen Wiser of the State National Bank of Wayne for his award of the State National Bank Scholarship based on his academic record, character and promise as a college representative. The scholarship is for the amount of \$500. Arens is a member of Sigma Beta Delta business honorary at Wayne State College.

## Community Library Memorial Day Hours

The Yankton Community Library will be closed on Sunday, May 26, and Monday, May 27, in celebration of Memorial Day.

Summer hours begin on Tuesday, May 28. The library will be open the following hours from May 28 through Sept. 2:

- Sunday — closed
- Monday and Tuesday — 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday and Thursday — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For further information, call the library at 668-5275.

## MEETINGS

### SHANNON TRAIL PROMOTERS

The Shannon Trail Promoters held their annual progressive dinner on Wednesday, May 15. At 6 p.m. they were treated at Jeanie's Antiques east on Highway 12 out of Crofton. On then to the Lewis and Clark Corp of Discovery Welcome Center on Highway 81. Members supplied appetizers and browsed the home made wares available for sale. Final stop was Delmonico's #20 Saloon and Steak House in Fordyce. A lovely evening so the group spent time on the patio before dining.

Those in attendance were: Laurie and Gil Larsen, Herb and Susan Bengston, Will and Shirley Dangler, Richard and Mary Rose Pinkleman, Larry and Becky Leaply, Harold and Shirley Kehne, Sandra McDonald, Paul Bogner and Keith Kube.

Pres. Laurie Larsen said that thanks to the generosity of the National Field Archery Federation Association in Yankton, a profit was made on the recent shoot. They are glad for our efforts in promoting the sport whose popularity is growing. Several ideas for improvement were given.

The 2013 brochures were given to members for distribution to tourist sights and to sponsoring businesses. Laurie said that these \$10 contributions along with the towns support has been generous. People now realize the value of our promotions.

The village of Fordyce wish to be included in the trail and are now listed in the brochure. Anyone needing more brochures should contact Laurie.

After discussion, due top conflicts in June as to scheduling, it was decided to have no meeting. We'll look forward to Wednesday, July 10 when the Larsens have invited us to their Bloomfield home to share in a potluck supper. Time is 6:30; a patio party. The Leaplys will bring dessert in celebration of his birthday. Shirley Kehne promises more water chestnut appetizers and Creighton Locker's famous potato salad. We know we're in for a treat with our additions.

We'll be gearing up then for the August Archery Shoot on the range near Hartington.

### GFWC YANKTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Yankton Chapter of GFWC Woman's Club met May 4, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club. President Pauline Aklund called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance, SD Pledge and Collect for Women were given.

Program: Jackie Quinn the Executive Director of Yankton Area Arts presented a very informative program. Some of the highlighted areas are artists unleashed, youth and adult education, art of healing and monthly community cultural enhancement. The summer arts festival is held during the Riverboat Days celebration while Crimson Door is a holiday show. They both focus on art advocacy and partnering with local artists. Art & culture have a great economic impact in the State of SD.

Maysel Goltz reported on GFWC State Convention April 19-21 held in Huron. State President Linda Dodd's motto, "Together We Soar," proved to be a true statement. Jennifer Kline spoke and presented a slide show on the organization "Voices For Children." One of the main purposes is to monitor legislation brought before our lawmakers and purpose and support of children in South Dakota. Our own President Pauline Aklund gave the inspiration on Saturday morning and our own Sally Welter gave a great leadership talk; "You are the doer of all things, what should we be?" National guest was GFWC Secretary Marjorie St Clair from Greenville S.C. She inspired all of us with her speech on "Can We Talk?" Amy Paulson representing the Alzheimers Association of S.D. awakened our hearts and minds. Twenty five- and 50-year members were honored. It was a terrific 113th convention.

Treasurer Dot Blaha gave the treasurer's report it will be filed pending audit. Dot also reported that Yankton GFWC won 1st in the state in fund raising, 2nd education, 3rd in community service & and home life, and honorable mention in domestic violence education, leadership and conservation. A motion was made by Sally Welter & second by Judy Olson that Dot take the necklaces that she has made to The Mississippi Valley Regional Conference in September and sell them 1 for \$10 and 3 for \$25. Our Fashion Show-Salad & Dessert Luncheon profited \$3200, distributions were given to Boys & Girls Club, Cramer-Kenyon Home, Habitat For Humanity, Keep Yankton Beautiful, Literacy, Science Olympiad, Womens Shelter, Contact Center, Homeless Shelter and the Library.

Julie Clifton made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 6 meeting, 2nd by Donna DeJean. JoAnne Weber announced the last bingo at Majestic Bluffs is May 25). She thanked everyone who assisted this year. Guests: Mary Jo Schneider introduced her guest Mary Lou Deuschie. Mary Jo also presented recog-

## United Way

### BY LAUREN HANSON

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Two individuals, different by nature yet UNITED by a local mentoring program, Big Friend - Little Friend.

Big Friend - Little Friend (BFLF), a United Way Partner Agency, is designed to give a young person (Little Friend) the opportunity to gain the friendship and example of a sincere adult (Big Friend).

BFLF matches adult volunteers with young people within our community. The one-to-one relationship that develops between the Big Friend volunteer and the Little Friend both enriches the life of the young person and supplements the family structure.

The purpose of this program is not to reduce the family but rather to offer a special strength to it, by providing the Little Friend with a positive role model outside the family atmosphere.

Joey, whose mother enrolled him in the BFLF program to gain self-esteem and confidence, was paired with Mount Marty student, Luis. Luis enrolled as a Big Friend, wanting to mentor and help children succeed in school and in life.

Joey and Luis meet every Monday and Wednesday after school to work on homework, play educational games or just talk about their day and giggle.

"One day, Joey came in a little bit down", says Luis. "He told me he was just having a long day. We proceeded to work on homework and by the end of our mentoring session, I got Joey to cheer up, and



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Big Friend, Luis, on left and Little Friend, Joey, on right.

he walked out with a smile. On that day I realized I really mean something to this kid."

At its most basic level, mentoring guarantees a young person that there is someone who cares about them. A child is not alone in dealing with day-to-day worries.

Think back. Did you know how

to study for a test or make plans for college? Do you remember wanting your first car or looking for a part-time job? Simple things that seem easy or straightforward to you now may appear to be a complete mystery to a young person.

Mentors provide their mentees

with an experienced friend who is there to help in any number of situations.

Research confirms that mentoring works. A Research Brief published by Child Trends and titled "Mentoring: A Promising Strategy for Youth Development" found that youth who participate in mentoring relationships experience a number of positive benefits.

• In terms of educational achievement, mentored youth have better attendance; a better chance of going on to higher education; and better attitudes toward school.

• In terms of health and safety, mentoring appears to help prevent substance abuse and reduce some negative youth behaviors.

• On the social and emotional development front, taking part in mentoring promotes positive social attitudes and relationships. Mentored youth tend to trust their parents more and communicate better with them.

According to BFLF Program Director, Stacy Starzl, Joey and Luis are a great example of how mentoring works. "They became fast friends. Joey's smile is beaming when he comes to meet Luis. He is always very excited about what they are going to do, even if it is homework. I have seen his confidence grow over these last few months. It is amazing how one person can make such a difference in the life of another."

For more information on Big Friend - Little Friend (BFLF), to become a mentor or to enroll a child, contact BFLF at 665-6365 or email [bigfriendlittlefriend@gmail.com](mailto:bigfriendlittlefriend@gmail.com)

## SUMMER TOURS



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The Board of Directors of the Cramer-Kenyon Home at 509 Pine Street in Yankton is pleased to announce that the summer tour season will begin on Monday, May 27 and will continue until Labor Day. Tours are held Wednesday through Saturday; a small fee of \$5 for adults and \$2 for children is asked. For large group tours, please call the curator of the Home at (605) 665-7470. Take a step back in time and enjoy the sweetness of the past.

### INTERCHANGE

President Kathy Jacobs opened the May 20, 2013, meeting of Interchange by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Interchange member Pauline Ackland gave an announcement about an upcoming fundraising event for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness on May 25.

Cynthia Miller, Sales Manager at Riverfront Broadcasting introduced guest speaker Julie Dykstra, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County. Ms Dykstra told the group about the mission, history, homeowner qualifications, and results of the Habitat for Humanity organization, which operates all over the world. She also gave information about the HH organization in Yankton County. There have been 36 homes built by the HH of Yankton Co. since 1996, and three HH homes will be completed this year. The local HH program is looking to start a "Brush of Kindness" program and possibly a "ReStore" in the near future. On July 11-12 the local HH will host a Stud-a-Thon fundraiser. The local HH organization has opportunities for individuals and groups to volunteer.

There will not be an Interchange meeting on May 27 due to the Memorial Day holiday. The next meeting will be at noon on Monday, June 3, at Minervas.

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Roy Anderson Post #12 American Legion Auxiliary met on May 20, 2013 with First Vice president, Joyce List presiding. Janice DeJong with the assistance of Chaplain Kathleen Ekeren conducted a Memorial Service for deceased members, Irene Imig and Ramona Adams.

Priscilla Mazourek reports that Poppy Sales were successful with an increase over what was collected the previous year but we do have more poppies left over.

Gert Boyles states that the feed for the girls attending Girls State have been paid and the pins have been ordered. Girls State is May 27 through June 1, 2013.

Malena Diede delivered Americanism certificates to the schools so they could be presented to those students who submitted essay and poems for the Americanism Contest. The certificates were given to the students during the end of year awards ceremony.

Discussion was held in regards to the State Convention to be held in Rapid City, S.D. June 7-9, 2013. A list of delegates was prepared and will be submitted to the registration committee. Members who plan to attend the State Convention are reminded to purchase their meal tickets,

## KAH FOOD ARRIVAL



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Over 178,000 meals arrived in Haiti on April 16 that was shipped out from Kids Against Hunger of Yankton and Sioux Falls. The long journey started in Yankton the end of February with stops in Minneapolis and New York before arriving by ship in Port Au Prince, Haiti. The above photo shows the meals being distributed to one of the 5 schools sponsored by Helping Hands for Haiti, that will feed over 900 children each day. Many thanks to all who came to pack meals this past year to make this day possible. If you would like to learn more about how you can make a difference in the lives of children, visit [www.kahyankton.org](http://www.kahyankton.org).

most like poetry.

Table Topics impromptu questions were written on postcards with members drawing a question that needed to be answered in mini-story form, including an opening, body and conclusion. Topics Master Joyce Steven had a timely "spring graduation and summer camp" theme. She asked Stach about her graduation party, only to hear that Stach was happy to leave her small town high school. Vogt said sleeping in tents on the farm all summer due to the lack of central air conditioning, could be called "camping out" of sorts. Bohn also lived on a farm and "staying touch with his neighbors" came about on Saturday nights "cruising and drag racing" with his high powered sports car. Guest Steinberger's "family roots" are renewed with large family reunions every two years, meeting in places ranging from coast to coast, including the Black Hills. Jen Hovland's memorable graduation party was from the "sixth grade" with a fun neighborhood party in Lincoln.

Toastmaster Taylor awarded trophies to Hovland and Bohn as they tied for Best Table Topics Responses and also as Best Evaluator and Best Speaker, respectively. Club President Hovland reminded members to vote for the Club 6217 Toastmaster of the Year by the end of May via Area Governor Stach.

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