

United Way

The More You Read, The More Places You'll Go

We all know the famous quote by Dr. Seuss, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go!"

But what you may not know is that United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton offers Dolly Parton's Imagination Library FREE to children ages 0 - 5! Since 2002, United Way & Volunteer Services has provided over 85,000 age appropriate books to approximately 1,300 area preschoolers.

The program is provided at no cost to families who live or work in Yankton County. They can sign up online at www.yanktonunitedway.org or print out a registration form and mail it in. If the family does not have access to internet, they can call United Way at 605-665-6766 and ask for registration information.

By mailing high quality, age-appropriate books directly to preschooler's homes, United Way wants children to be excited about learning and to feel the magic that books can create. Reading opens their world of imagination, it starts the process of critical thinking - it is the springboard for a life time of learning.

WHY READ? - IT REALLY IS FUNDAMENTAL

Many studies have linked children's success in reading and early literacy to their success in school. The Imagination Library program is one of United Way's education efforts to help get children ready to

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learn by the time they enter Kindergarten.

The statistical research and results backing the success of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library are truly incredible. In studies where children had access to Imagination Library, overall kids who participated in the program scored higher in kindergarten readiness than children who did not participate. (<https://usa.imaginationlibrary.com/resources>). Some of the areas tested included reading, speaking, social and thinking skills, following directions, staying on task, story comprehension and overall school preparedness.

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT READING - CAN WE REALLY LINK ONE FISH TWO FISH TO PRISON?

The problem with illiteracy - We know that 25 to 40 percent of American

children have a difficult time in school because they don't read well enough, quickly enough or easily enough. According to the U.S. Department of Education, 85 percent of all youth in juvenile detention are functionally illiterate and more than 60 percent of prison inmates are functionally illiterate. And the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services tells us that approximately 50 percent of the nation's unemployed youth age 16-21 are functional illiterate, with virtually no prospects of obtaining good jobs.

On the bright side - Children who read regularly with their parents begin reading earlier than their peers. Children who are read to show more interest in reading and have higher vocabulary and grammar skills.

We know that children develop much of their capacity to learn in the first three



years of life and the biggest factor in determining the ease at which a child will learn to read is not intelligence but the interaction that child has with their environment.

Reading together as a family or having easy access to books can also help reduce "summer slide." In fact, Richard Allington, a professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and his colleagues found that giving kids 12 books to read over the summer was as effective as summer school in raising the students' reading scores.

Basically, children who are comfortable reading and have higher literacy skills, do better in school. Because of that, they are more likely to succeed in life and that is what United Way wants to see. It starts very young and it can be as simple as taking the time to sit down and read together.

To learn more about United Way & Volunteer Services' literacy programs including Imagination Library and the Big Red Bookshelf, visit www.yanktonunitedway.org.

Wibbels Participates In National Library Legislative Day

Kathy Wibbels, Vice President/President Elect of the South Dakota Library Association and Director of the Yankton Community Library,



Wibbels

attended the National Library Legislative Day in Washington on May 4-5.

Her role as the representative of the South Dakota Library Association was to meet with our state's members of Congress to carry the message about legislation that affects libraries and to champion library funding.

This year's legislation that was addressed were the Library Services Technology Act, USA Freedom Act of 2015, net neutrality, copyright, and Every Child Achieves Act of 215.

National Library Legislative Day is an annual two-day advocacy event where hundreds of library supporters, leaders, and patrons gather in Washington. It is sponsored by the American Library Association.

Prayers Answered At National Day Of Prayer

BY PASTOR BOB MASON

Chairman, Yankton Area National Day of Prayer Program

May I take this opportunity to offer on behalf of all of those participating in National Day of Prayer for this year and myself our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Yankton Community for their support of National Day of Prayer observed this year on Thursday, May 7. This support was demonstrated by not only the pastors but other business leaders and representatives of community ministries involved in the ceremony.

In particular may I mention the Yankton Area Ministerial Association for their support and participation, The Yankton County Government Center where we held our noon gathering, Mayor David Carda and the Yankton City Commission for the proclamation and all in the community who joined us.

I also wish to mention Pastors Ralph Porter, Rick Slattery and Adam Ansell and the rest of the staff at Calvary Baptist Church for hosting the excellent breakfast they served early Thursday morning. Then there is the love of my wife and three generations of my family and their support of me.

I cannot overlook that earlier prayers were answered. The rain stayed up, Roger Wenzlaff did not experience problems of previous years and the sound system came right on. Noise from loud exhausts of passing vehicles was almost nonexistent. Things we often take for granted are so basic for a successful program do not always come together as they should. But this year they did and when Dean Rettendal sounded Taps it was a closing note of triumph not only to a gathering of great fellowship but also to his great career of 33 years with Mr. Marty College directing the marching band!

Excellent publicity was received from the media I also find myself humbled and grateful to the Press & Dakotan for publishing the fine article suggested by Loretta Sorensen and written by Randy Tramp about me. It was a great article and it is more than what I deserve, but I am very grateful. It is only by God's love and grace given by His mercy to an undeserving sinner such as I that I have been so fortunate. The Glory and praise I must pass on to Jesus Christ whose love and sacrifice made all this possible!

P.S. - The opening ceremony with the Presentation of colors by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 791 cannot be overlooked. These veterans from the Korean and Vietnam Wars got everything off to a proper start. I especially wish to note their professional appearance is very impressive. "Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." In my mind they enlisted willing to die to protect our freedom, and those surviving continue to serve at every public opportunity.

Years Of Service



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The 2015 new inductees were, from L-R, Wade Lippert, Thomas Uhing, Bruce Huber, Michael Johnson, Tim Bohn, and R. Todd Rothenberger. Recognized for 40 years of service were Roger Stahlecker, Linda Davis, and Kevin Kleinschmit. Recognized for 35 years of service was Steven Arneson, Sr. Recognized for 30 years of service were Terry Sailor and Leo Erickson.

Yankton's Kolberg-Pioneer Honors Long-Time Employees For Their Dedication

Kolberg Pioneer held its 16th annual Quarter Century Club Banquet on May 1, at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club.

Over 140 present and retired employees and spouses attended, with recognition of service anniversaries. Entertainment for the evening was provided by The Cartwright Brothers of Dell Rapids, SD.

The KPI Quarter Century Club is held to celebrate those active and retired individuals who have dedicated at least 25 years of service to KPI, and currently has 70 active (working) members and 44 inactive (retired) members, representing 3,780 total years of service.

Sievers Named New Purchasing Manager

VERMILLION — Bulk material handling equipment manufacturer, Masaba, is pleased to announce the appointment of Purchasing Manager, Justin Sievers.

Sievers, is a 2001 graduate of The University of South Dakota where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and brings with him over fourteen years of purchasing experience across various industries.

Masaba, Inc is aggregate and mining manufacturer in Vermillion.

'Plant a Row' Celebrates 40th Anniversary

As the grass greens, flowers bloom and temperatures warm, you'll soon start to see many people out tending their gardens. And when it comes time to harvest the fresh vegetable, one hunger relief organization is hoping you'll have some to spare.

Feeding South Dakota is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. In 1975, the Food Service Center opened in Sioux Falls. Throughout the past 40 years, the organization went statewide, joining with the Black Hills Regional Food Bank, and adding another central location in Pierre.

In celebration, Feeding South Dakota is hoping to receive 40,000 pounds of fresh produce in honor of 40 years through their "Plant a Row" campaign. The organization is asking the community to plant one row dedicated to someone who needs it - someone who is going hungry - and donate the bounty to one of their three facilities across the state or to a local food pantry this fall.

"Providing more nutritional foods is one of the key initiatives we are working on at Feeding South Dakota," says Matt Gassen, Executive Director of Feeding South Dakota. "When we thought about how to commemorate our 40th anniversary, it only made sense to do so in a way that honored those we serve. With the participation of the entire state, we know we can reach our goal of 40,000 pounds of produce to celebrate 40 years."

Planting a row today will help the organization reach its goal this fall. More information on Plant a Row can be found at feedingsouthdakota.org.

Volunteers Needed For Archery Tourney

Looking to lend a hand? Organizers for the 2015 World Archery Youth Championship are looking for volunteers.

During this nine-day tournament in June, there will be more than 40 different volunteer positions and nearly 1,000 shifts that range from helping with field access control to bus stop greeters.

Find more information and register to be a volunteer under the Registration tab at www.yankton2015wayc.org.

MEETINGS

XI CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Members of Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an Honorary Women Teachers Society, met on April 16th at the Yankton High School. President Colleen Chase called the meeting to order. Routine business was conducted. It included awarding a \$200 Grant-in-Aid to a Mt. Marty Education major. The committee chose Kami Meyerink. The State Convention will be held in Lead on June 12-13. Members attended a brunch with Eta Chapter in Vermillion on April 25. President Colleen Chase contacted members who wanted to car pool. The first meeting in the fall will be a planning session. Dr. Angie Hejl offered her home for the pot luck gathering. After adjournment, members attended the High School Spring Play, "The Drowsy Chaperone," directed by member Amy Miner.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 had a tremendous meeting of fun and laughter this past Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant. A scrumptious breakfast was served. President Vern Arens called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone, including Joy Winter, a world renowned Toastmaster from Idaho. Steve Bierschbach gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Arens introduced Toastmaster of the Day, Jack Dahlside, who with his undoubted enthusiasm conducted the meeting. Jana Lane was introduced as Master Evaluator of the meeting. Grammarian, Steve Hamilton, gave the word of the day, "balderdash,"

which means nonsense. Prepared speeches were given by Vernon Arens on the topic of "Keystone XL Pipeline" based on the Competent Communication Manual, Project #7, Research Your Topic. Joy Winter took up the challenge of giving an impromptu speech entitled, "Update." Table Topics was led by Jeremy Skrenes who asked members to talk about "clip bait," a computer term similar to a link on the internet. There was much balderdash in these mini impromptu speeches. Master Evaluator, Jana Lane, evaluated the meeting and called on Roy Wilcox to evaluate Joy Winter. Reports were given by Grammarian, Steve Hamilton; Timer, Steve Bierschbach; and Ah Counter, Kevin Buhl. Joke Master was Steve Hamilton. Trophies were handed out to Azure Rodriguez for Best Table Topics and Roy Wilcox for Best Evaluator. As always, we ended our meeting at 8:40 a.m. Being a part of Toastmasters is a great way to start a Saturday morning.

Guests are welcome. For more information, call 605-665-8448 or <http://1294.toastmastersclubs.org>.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met at noon on Monday, May 11, at Minerva's. Presiding Office was Ann Clough, President. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members were invited to make announcements regarding business news, opportunities, and upcoming events.

Rita Wentworth reminded the membership of the YHS band concert tonight at the high school gymnasium and also Dave Tunge's art is currently exhibited at the G.A.R. Hall.

Janet Jensen pointed out new sculptures have been put into place downtown for RiverWalk.

Deb Overseth with RSVP announced discussions have taken place to establish relief for the residents of Delmont following the tornado. More information to be forthcoming regarding assistance.

Crystal Nelson with the Dakota Territorial Museum was hostess and presenter of the program featuring the progress on the Mead Building Project. She shared historical facts, before and after photographs of work in progress and answered questions.

The next meeting is May 18, with the featured speaker being Carmen Schramm of Onward Yankton.

ROY ANDERSON POST NO. 12

The April 21, 2015, meeting was called to order by Commander Fran Johnson with members Brandt Davies, DeBoer, Jim Huisman D. List and guests John Hallenbeck and Wes Rye being present. All saluted the colors which were in place and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Rye (Pro-Tem) gave the invocation.

Minutes: Previous months minutes and Financial report were read and approved.

Boys State: Everything is about wrapped up with the exception of the bus cost is still to be determined as the number of Boys going is down. Also donation letters have been sent out.

Children and Youth: Director Johnson and fellow member Gene List took a load of sports stuff to the Crow Creek Reservation specifically to the Diamond Willow Ministries at Ft. Thompson.

Membership: 216 will be mailing a personnel letter from the Post to the members who haven't paid there 2015 dues yet.

POW/MIA: No report
Americanism: Don List, Gene List and Commander Johnson presented a 65 yr continuous membership to Howard Kussman.

Unfinished Business: Post finished up plans on the upcoming fun night which will be April 25th at the VFW Post home.

Motion made by Don List 2nd by Jim DeBoer to have the original application for charter that was recently found by Lily Crest Framing to be preserved with new framing etc.

The Post will now have the application for charter the temporary charter and the permanent charter all preserved.

New Business: Patty Davies talked about the District 8 meeting that was held in Parker. National Commander Mike Helm surprised us with his presence and spoke on membership.

John Darcy was reelected as

Yankton Co Commander and Adjutant Brandt was elected as Yankton Co. Vice Commander.

Motion made by DeBoer 2nd by Don L. to purchase further printing needs from Printing Specialists as they give us the better price for our needs.

Motion made to postpone elections til the May meeting.

Sick Call: Dave Happe
Post Everlasting: Wallace Boyles, Ray Dolejsi and Ray Albright

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting May 19, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW Post Home.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, May 9, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Vern Arens. The invocation was given by Harry Voelzke, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Matt Stone was introduced as the Toastmaster of the meeting. He called on grammarian Vern Arens to give the

word of the day, which was "Material." Table Topics was led by Roy Wilcox.

Speech was given by Jack Dahlside on "Being Me" from the Humorously Speaking Manual. Master Evaluator of the meeting was Steve Hamilton, who evaluated the meeting and called on Janice Stone to evaluate Jack Dahlside. Presentations were also given by grammarian Vern Arens, joke master John Swensen, Ah Counter/Nail Dropper Angela Mann, timer Teresa Rentsch, and Vote counter Kevin Buhl. Table Topic winner was Kevin Buhl, best speaker was Jack Dahlside, and best evaluator was Janice Stone. Guests are welcome.

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Friday, May 15
7:40 am Vermillion Chamber (Nathan Welch)
8:20 am United Way (Lauren Hanson)