

Efforts In Yankton Made A Difference

Make A Difference Day prepared many in this community for the upcoming winter cold. Area river shore lines were cleaned and sand bags removed, yards raked, pantry shelves stocked, and warm winter clothing was distributed.

The 2nd annual Baby Shower sponsored by the Lions Club was conducted benefiting the Contact Center, collecting baby blankets, clothing, food, bottles and over 1,300 diapers.

The Clothing Closet held a free voucher day with 84 families attending who were in need of clothing and other household materials.

The 16th annual Coat & Winter Wear Giveaway held at the Human Services Center distributed over 900 warm clothing items, including coats, boots, hats, gloves, and snow pants.

People of all ages shared their spirit on Saturday, Oct. 22 for the largest national day of helping others.

This year, the Yankton Volunteer Leaders were recognized as national Make A Difference Day honorees by Newman's Own in



Make A Difference Day was a big success across Yankton, including a special grant received by the United Way for two cases of Newman's Own organic cereal which was donated to the Contact Center.

recognition of the Coat & Winter Wear Giveaway event. The group received two cases of Newman's Own organic cereal which they presented to The Contact Center.

It takes a community to make projects successful and the following people / organizations need to be especially thanked for the Coat & Winter Wear Giveaway. The Principals and Students at the Public Elementary

Schools, Middle School, and Sacred Heart Schools for organizing the school clothing collections; Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, the Boys & Girls Club of Yankton, and Payless Shoes for being community drop off locations; Nick Schades and the Yankton Boys Scout Troops for picking up the donations; and the Yankton Volunteer Leaders for organizing, sorting, and setting up this

yearly event. And a big thank you to Leah Brandt and the Trustee Unit from HSC, you are the glue that sticks the whole project together.

A thank you also needs to be extended to all those who helped with set up on Thursday and those who enjoyed assisting with the distribution of the winter items on Saturday: Assembly of God Youth Group, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers, local and Clothing Closet volunteers; and last, but not least, the people who donated their much appreciated coats and warm winter items. In just an hour and a half you helped keep your neighbors warm with over 350 coats and over 550 other winter wear items being distributed. This event will continue to warm them all winter long with the help of the Clothing Closet.

Everyone that contributed to the many community projects should feel abundantly generous. Mark your calendars for the fourth Saturday in October 2012 for next year's Make A Difference Day.

KIDS WITH A CAUSE



Not only adults have been fundraising for Komen For the Cure cancer research. Recently Rugby Ryken, Rex Ryken, Bergen O'Brien, Ellie Karolevitz, Thea Chance and Payton Wolfgram held a lemonade stand where they raised \$601.50 to be donated to the cause.

LANGDONS GIVE BACK



Nancy and Tom Langdon and their daughters were recently recognized for donating \$1,197.23 to Lincoln Elementary School's playground fund. The Langdons, who own Yankton's FloorTec, donated 25 percent of the revenue that their business earned on carpet and duct cleaning during the month of February. Pictured, from left, are Tammi Adam, Lincoln School PTA President; Paul Struck, Lincoln School Principal; the Langdons' daughters, Nicole and Ashley; Nancy Langdon, who is also Lincoln School PTA Treasurer; and Tom Langdon.

LANCERS THINK PINK



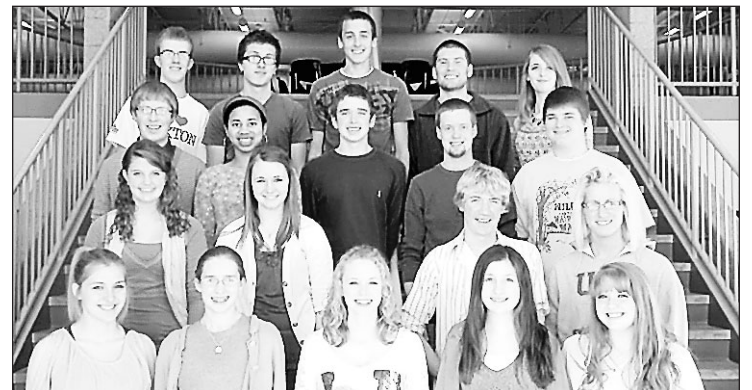
Mount Marty College's volleyball team recently donated \$500 to the Avera Sacred Heart Cancer Center. The women sold black T-shirts as a fundraiser for their "Dig Pink" volleyball night during October's Breast Cancer Awareness month. They joined college volleyball teams across the nation in this "Dig Pink" breast cancer awareness and fundraising initiative. "It was a great night as we also had five local high school teams join us in the crowd to cheer on the Lancers and support breast cancer awareness," Coach Climer commented. "It was cool to look out in the crowd and see all the breast cancer t-shirts each school created during their season. The Lancer volleyball team would like to thank all the people who supported us and donated for this great cause. In the last two years the Lancers have raised \$1,500 to go to our local cancer center," said Climer.

YHS CLASS OF 1951



Classmates of Yankton High School, Class of 1951, gathered at Minerva's September 23-25 for their 60th Reunion. The 34 attendees' including spouses and friends came from Texas, California, Minnesota and South Dakota. Memorial services were conducted Saturday, Sept. 24 by Elmer Hasker for the deceased members of the class. The classmates are planning to hold another gathering in two years for their 80th birthdays. The event will be held in Yankton. Those who attended were: Left to right back row: Elmer Hasker, Bill Kabeiseman, Maynard Justra, John Kendall and Bill Jones. Middle row: Norma Simonsen, Jo Ann Pieper, Jim Farley, Berle Petersen, Art Hasker and Dan Waters. Front row: Joyce Combs, Fran Ness, Gloria Lyon, Virginia Vogt, Betty Reynolds, Jean Lethcoe and Barbara Christensen.

MUSICIANS MAKE ALL-STATE



The South Dakota All State Orchestra and Chorus was held Oct. 28-29. A full symphony orchestra is then selected from among the best musicians in South Dakota. Chance Sorenson, cello, was selected from Yankton High School. The South Dakota All State Chorus numbered 932 singers representing 150 high schools. Students selected from Yankton High School were Theresa Barnes, Sarah Barkley, Matthew Watt, Cody Geary, Brianna Kelly, MiKayla Vetter, Hunter Baugh, Kipp Kinsley, Tanisha Hollingsworth, Rachel Busskohl, Robert Schmidt, Taylor Wendt, Vanessa Rockne, Lexi Fokken, Dillon Beckmann and Jase Likness. Both Sorenson and Beckmann were honored for four year All State participation.

MEETING MINUTES

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Club President Sheryl Schwartz conducted the meeting for the Avera Sacred Heart Toastmasters Club on Oct. 20 in the Benedictine Center. Her counterpart was General Evaluator Kary Beltz.

Jeff May's inspirational thought for the day was not to wait for "death to be our changing agent".

Speaker Eric Taylor's inspirational speech was entitled "Happiness is a Present Attitude; Not a Future Condition." Taylor was given helpful hints from Evaluator Jane Miller, who liked Taylor's "unassuming manner of speaking." Taylor received the Best Speaker Award and Miller was given the Best Evaluator Trophy.

Table Topics questions were asked by May and timed by Melissa Bader. The respondents "ahs" were counted by Muriel Stach and their grammar was noted by Stan Sudbeck, with his word of the day "frugal." Gale Vogt, Stach, Bader and Sudbeck were quizzed with Bader taking the Best Respondent award.

Tim Bohn used a "red neck power point" to review the history lesson of the "Sweetheart Wing", presented by WWII Airmen to "their girls back home." Bohn's evaluator was Jennifer Wubben, who praised Bohn's sense of humor.

Schwartz then conducted the business meeting discussing both mentorship and membership.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 6217

Jennifer Wubben was Club 6217's Toastmaster for Oct. 27 with Jane Miller leading the invocation during the meeting held in the Benedictine Center.

Eric Taylor was grammarian and introduced "finicky" as the word to use during the meeting. Taylor was part of Jeff May's evaluation team, as were timer Gale Vogt and "er" tracker Muriel Stach.

MJ Rogers, the day's Best Evaluator, critiqued Sheryl Schwartz's oration on "Images." Schwartz related books on raising teenage girls to her personal history. Rogers liked the visual props and reminded Schwartz of the time limits.

Tim Bohn's "chat pack" questions during Table Topics asked members, May, Wubben, Eileen O'Connor, Miller, Taylor and Vogt, to explain their life's viewpoints. May explained his opinions on the OJ Simpson trial using an opening, middle and closing to his mini-speech. May received the Best Respondent Award.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 met at the Fryin' Pan Restaurant, Oct. 30, 2011. The meeting was called to order by President John Swenson. He called on Roy Wilcox to lead the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The business meeting was held and club goals and achievements were discussed.

A special guest meeting will be held Nov. 12, 2011. If you would like to improve your speaking and communication skills, you are invited. Doug

Fickbohm was introduced as the Toastmaster of the day. Speakers were Carol Hale and Janice Stone. Their speeches were evaluated by Kathy Hejna and Angel Mann. Table topics leader was Steve Hamilton. John Swenson was the Master Evaluator and called on his team. Grammarian was Joy Winther, "ah" counter Jeremy Skrenes and timer Vernon Arens. Counting votes was Mike Arens. Awards went to Stone for speaker, Mann for evaluator and Mike Arens for Table Topics. Hale was also Joke Master.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met on Oct. 1 at the Fryin' Pan Restaurant. President John Swenson called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Jeremy Skrenes, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Vernon Arens was introduced as the Toastmaster of the meeting. He called on grammarian Tara Arens who gave the word of the day, which was "tenacious." Table Topics was led by Joy Winther on the subject of Toastmaster. Speeches were given by Swenson on "My Toastmaster" and Kevin Buhl on "New Mexico-Land of Enchantment" an impromptu speech. Master Evaluator of the meeting was Kathy Hejna, who evaluated the meeting and called on Mike Arens to evaluate Swenson and Janice Stone to evaluate Buhl. Presentations were also given by grammarian Tara Arens, Joke master Harry Voelzke, Ah Counter/Nail Dropper Matt Stone, timer Skrenes, and Vote counter Steve Hamilton.

Table topic winner was Hamilton, best speaker was Swenson, and best evaluator was Janice Stone. Submitted by Vernon Arens.

FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAC LADIES ASSOCIATION

DANTE — On Nov. 20, 2011, the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (Catholic Workman) of South Dakota-State District 13 will hold a meeting at Dante. It will begin at noon with a dinner followed by the annual meeting. We are requesting that all S.D. FCSLA(C.W.) members attend. RSVP to an officer for a meal count by Nov. 15.

For questions, contact president Ronald Sestak.

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA RC&D COUNCIL MEETS

The Northeast Nebraska RC&D met on Monday, Oct. 24, 2011. The Council met with several of our partners and two of our sponsors to talk about what the future holds for the RC&D Council. Discussion ensued regarding how many dollars the RC&D has brought into the six county area through grants and projects. In the year 2010 alone, nearly \$125,000 was accounted for through 1099's which is a financial boost to the local economies.

Scott Wessel, Nebraska Game & Parks, spoke about the good things the RC&D has done and should continue to do with the removal of cedar trees and restoring the land for habitat and

grazing. Sandy Patton spoke about the good that have been done through the Farmers Market programs. Many Farmers Markets have been established and help the producers market their products and the customers to buy local fresh vegetables and fruits which is a win-win situation. Lucas Negus, Northeast Nebraska Weed Management Area spoke about the areas that have benefited through the invasive weeds species. This group covers more than the six-county area and has done many experiments with insects to help destroy invasive weeds. All felt what has been done through the RC&D has been very beneficial and to keep doing these things as more work needs to be done. It is ongoing as there will always be recycling, tours, weeds, food, water issues and many other needs in the area.

The group was very pleased to see Jan Jorgensen with a big "Welcome Back" since her retirement from the NRCS the end of September. Jan is volunteering two days a week to the RC&D and the Council is so glad to have her back. She encouraged the Council to keep moving forward and doing good things for the area.

The Statewide Annual Conference will be sponsored by the Northeast Nebraska RC&D in the fall of 2012. Plans are being made where to hold this event and what areas to visit. Please watch for more details.

The Northeast Nebraska RC&D Annual meeting will be held on Nov. 28, 2011, with a place and time yet to be decided. Watch for more details to follow.

OUTLAW TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

The Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway met at Tracy's Café in Newcastle on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Members attending the meeting were: Mary Rose Pinkelmann, St. James Marketplace, Elsie Lund, Newcastle, Al Brock, Valentine, Julie DeBlauw, Hartington, Larry Halstead, Lynch, Marita Placek, Lynch.

President Mary Rose called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary's minutes and trea-

surer's report were approved and bills were paid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Membership list for 2012 will be updated and corrected so postcards can be sent prepared and sent out at the November meeting. Sally, Mary Rose and Angie will take care of east end of trail, Marita, Larry and Jane the middle of the trail and Al the west end.

Tourism: Mary Rose gave report on "See the Byway the Quiltway". Forcyce had 50 quilts displayed. Mary Rose says, "It's a miracle getting 15 towns to work together for a successful quilt show."

Trail Ride: Al will visit Wanda at Discovery Trails Ranch in the Devil's Nest area after the meeting and hopes to schedule the 2nd Doc Middleton trail ride for either June 9 or 16, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS: Mary Rose read a "thank you" note to Jeanine Balgemann for lining up and renting the Valentine Library for the June meeting. Cards were also signed for Jeanine, Kenard Kreycik, and Sally and Joanne Snow.

Report on the "Legends and Lore of the Outlaw Trail" given by Marita and Mary Rose. Books are available at: This 'N That Book Store, O'Neill, M & M Lockers, Bristow, The Verdigre Eagle, Verdigre, Niobrara State Park, Niobrara, Argo Hotel, Crofton, Valentine Visitors Center, The Refuge, Valentine, Rock County Library, Bassett, and Lee Book Sellers, Lincoln.

It was decided that Mary Rose should explore expanding the Outlaw Trail website.

Members are asked to check on the number of Outlaw Trail brochures on hand and report at the November meeting. Also need to check with each community for updated information and if they would like to sell the book, "Legends and Lore of the Outlaw Trail."

NEW BUSINESS: Starting in January the meeting date will be changed to Wednesday. Interpretative signage was discussed. No report from Twyla Witt.



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MORNING COFFEE

WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY

Friday November 4

7:40 a.m. YAPG
(Mike Dellinger)

8:15 a.m. YAA
(Amy Miner)

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