

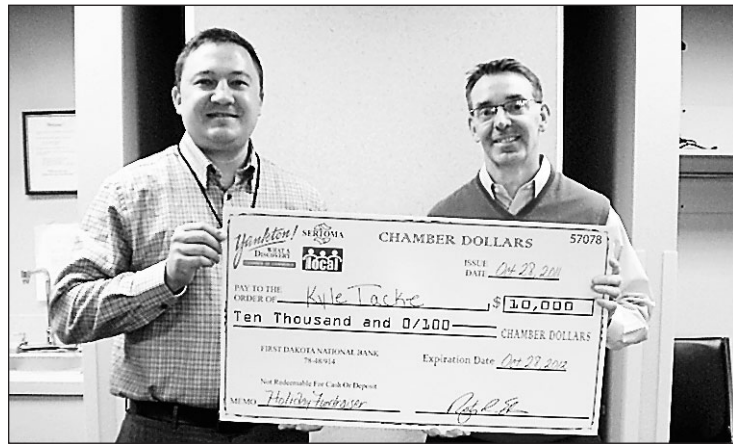
Local Economy And Youth Football Program Benefit From Yankton Chamber Fundraiser

\$15,000 in Chamber Dollars was awarded to 11 lucky winners and more than \$10,000 was raised to support the Shop Local campaign for the holidays and Sertoma Youth Football.

Ten individuals and one non-profit group from the Yankton area went home with a nice pre-holiday gift, when their winning tickets were drawn Friday, Oct. 28, at the second Annual "Tailgate Party." The winners were announced during the dance held at Minervas Grill & Bar. The drawing was the culmination of a five-week fundraising campaign to support the Sertoma Junior Football program and the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce's Shop Local campaign.

The purpose behind the raffle was to raise money to benefit a local youth organization and raise the awareness of the impact of shopping locally. The Chamber will take its portion raised and put it directly back into the community for the holiday season by distributing Chamber Dollars.

"These Chamber Dollars will be distributed to area consumers



Kyle Tacke is presented the grand prize of \$10,000 Chamber Dollars at the recent Tailgate Party.

in creative ways during the holiday season — through both the local media and other means," said Carmen Schramm, director of Chamber services.

Curt Dykstra, Yankton Sertoma stated, "The proceeds raised from the event will go towards purchasing equipment needed when the fifth and sixth grade start tackle football."

The Chamber and Yankton

Sertoma took comments from 2010 ticket holders and decided to add more prizes and to have those prizes in the form of Chamber Dollars. The dollars are treated just like a check except that they cannot be deposited in a checking or savings account — they have to be spent at a Yankton business. Kyle Tacke won the Grand Prize of \$10,000 in Chamber Dollars. The ten \$500 cham-

ber dollar winners were: Kim Auch, Bill Chase, CorTrust Bank — Fox Run, Chuck Denzin, Mike and Geri Healy, Dan Megard, De-light Paulsen, Connie Somsen, Ross Vanderhule and Yankton Sertoma Football.

The Chamber/Sertoma "Tailgate Party" featured live music by Mrs. Begley and the Boys, stadium food from Minervas Grill & Bar, and prizes from local businesses.

The Chamber and Sertoma would like to thank everyone who purchased a ticket and all their sponsors and partners: 5 Star Communications-KVHT-106.3FM/KVTK-AM1570, Minervas Grill & Bar, Riverfront Broadcasting, L.L.C.-KYNT/KK93/KDAM Radio and Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan.

As you shop in Yankton this holiday season, you may have the opportunity to win Chamber Dollars as a reward for shopping locally. For more information about Chamber Dollars, visit www.yanktonsd.com/chamber-dollars or call (605) 665-3636.

SPEAKING OUT



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Yankton Middle School oral interpretation contest was held on Nov. 3, 2011. Seventh grade participants in the humorous category were Allurah Sasse, Ike Johnson, Kami Cornemann, Linze Cowman and Carly Turner. Lyndsay Sylvester was the lone poetry speaker. Dramatic participants included Madason Tessier and Anna Kokesh. Eighth grade humorous contestants were Ally Hagen, Ashley VanMeeteren and Ted Anders. Mikayla Trenhaile participated in the oratory category. Talitha Greaver, Lanae Lane and Kate Weinandt were the speakers in the eighth grade dramatic competition, and Amanda Gravholt competed in poetry. First place winners receiving trophies included seventh graders Madason Tessier, Lyndsay Sylvester and Ike Johnson. Mikayla Trenhaile, Amanda Gravholt, Kate Weinandt and Ted Anders took home first place honors in the eighth grade. Seventh graders winning second place included Anna Kokesh and Allurah Sasse, and eighth grade second place winners were Lanae Lane and Ashley VanMeeteren. Third place ribbons were earned by Kami Cornemann, Talitha Greaver and Ally Hagen. Oral interpretation is coached by Steph Burgeson and Deb Merkwon.

Abbott Named U.W. Volunteer Of The Month

After working for SAPA in Chicago and Yankton for 35 years, Dave Abbott has retired and now devotes his time to volunteering for the Yankton community. Abbott has recently been awarded for his volunteerism and named the September Volunteer of the Month by the United Way & Volunteer Services (UWVS).

After retiring in 2004, Abbott enjoys playing golf and doing yard work at his home. Abbott is married to Karen Abbott. They have two sons.

Abbott said he began volunteering when his wife worked at the Women's Shelter and the Family Visitation Center. "My wife was the executive director and I started volunteering by taking care of the buildings, cutting the grass and taking care of the household donations," Abbott said. "I was the handy man around there."

Abbott said after he retired, he started volunteering for UWVS.

"I help by doing things like putting up their thermometer signs every year and taking it down," Abbott said. "Once in a while, I would help people haul furniture. I helped with anything from fixing the way the door switch operates from hauling stuff around town for them."

Abbott said he has also been involved with Adopt a Highway along Highway 52,



Abbott

fundraiser going on," Abbott said. "Right now I primarily work with the UWVS. If they have something that they need done, they call me."

Abbott said there is a need for volunteering in the community of Yankton.

"A lot of places could use money, for one thing," Abbott said. "For the people who can't afford to give money, time is just as valuable as money. If you go to the United Way or places like that and just ask anybody, there's always something they need done. Everybody has the ability to do something even if it's nothing other than delivering Meals on

Meals on Wheels, Boys Scouts of America when his sons were involved, Habitat for Humanity and other projects here and there. "I'm always doing something a couple times a week," Abbott said.

"This is a busy time of year for United Way & Volunteer Services (UWVS) because they have their

Wheels or running errands for organizations — everybody can do something."

Abbott said volunteering in Yankton is his way of giving back.

"I used to live in Chicago. There, a lot of the people need a lot of stuff," Abbott said. "When I came (to South Dakota), I decided once I retired, it was time to start giving back. I've had a nice life out here. It's a good place to live and the people are friendly. I decided that I have the time on my hands so I might as well give back a little bit."

"I don't think a lot of people think about donating their time or volunteering until they retire. In a lot of cases, people probably don't have time until they retire," Abbott said. "One good area to look at is the retired people, not necessarily the people in their eighties and nineties, but the people in their sixties and seventies — they still have a lot of ability to help people."

Abbott also said that it would be great for kids to get involved by volunteering.

"If there are some young kids who could volunteer on weekends — The Center is always looking for people to help with something," Abbott said. "The UWVS is always looking for somebody to do something, and even if it's going around to keep the community clean to help out, young kids can learn a lot from volunteer services."

CLEANING UP



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Plant-Horticultural Search-Service has spent the last two months cleaning-up the banks of Marne Creek from the mouth of the Missouri River to the bridge at Highway 50 near the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce building. When they had difficulty getting to all the trash in the exposed riverbed and rocky banks under the bridge, Mt. Marty students stepped in to help. Pictured above are: Kelsey Thury, Reilly Biel, Jennifer Duff and Lauren Heyden, who volunteered their time last Friday afternoon to help the Plant-Horticulture Search-Service and Keep Yankton Beautiful in getting the unsightly litter cleaned up. It is groups and individuals like these that make Yankton such an incredible community and great city to live, work and play.

RIDING FOR A CAUSE



Pictured is the Midwest Riders Motorcycle Club donating \$500 to the Yankton Sack Pack Program. The Midwest Riders Motorcycle Club holds an annual Bike Blessing the first weekend in May for all motorcycle enthusiasts. Proceeds from the Bike Blessing are donated to charitable causes in the community. To join Midwest Riders Motorcycle Club, contact Terry Overseth at 661-7198. (Courtesy Photo)

MEETING MINUTES

OUTLAW TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

Members attending the meeting: Mary Rose Pinkelman, 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. Al made a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting, seconded by Larry. Motion carried. Treasurer's report given. Bills presented: \$125.00 membership to the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center, and \$591.01 to Marita, expenses for Legends and Lore of the Outlaw Trail. Motion made by Larry, seconded by Julie that treasurer's report be accepted and filed for audit and pay the bills. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Membership: Members are asked to check membership list and make corrections for 2012. 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. Al made motion to order 500 postcards, seconded by Julie. Carried.

Tourism: Mary Rose gave report on "See the Byway the Quiltway." To date: Receipts total \$1123.00; Expenses \$1289.18. There are still bills and money coming in. She passed around a draft of the report she was preparing to send to the Nebraska Humanities and CVB's. Have not received grants from Cedar, Cherry and Dixon counties, yet, but expects to receive grants after reports are approved at their November meetings. Fordyce 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 plans to visit Wanda at Discovery Trails Ranch in the Devil's Nest area after the meeting and hopes to schedule the trail ride for either June 9 or 16, 2012 and sell Outlaw Trail CD's, shirts, books, etc.

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 Snowe.

Report on the "Legends and Lore of the Outlaw Trail" given by Marita and Mary Rose. Marita has sold 434 books

and turned in \$8,533.48 to the treasurer. She had done interviews with Norfolk Daily News, and radio stations, KBRX, O'Neill, and WJAG in Norfolk, and has done book signings at Valentine, Lynch Library, Lynch Alumni weekend, Spencer Alumni weekend, Butte Pancake Days, Burke, SD., Library, O'Neill Public Library, Boyd County Fair, Orchard's celebration, Verdigre's Library, Frankenmuth, MI., Atkinson Library, C. O. R. E.'s 20th anniversary celebration at Ewing, Creighton, Niobrara Library, Niobrara's Museum, Niobrara's Firehall & Naper, both in connection with the "See the Byway the Quiltway" and the Rock County Library, Bassett. Marita announced she was invited to give a presentation on Legends and Lore of the Outlaw Trail for the Nebraska Writers Guild Fall Convention held at Ainsworth.

Mary Rose reports 527 books received, total freight \$198.00; total tax \$53.45; Marita's expenses \$300.95; writing book \$500.00, total Expenses \$1052.40.

Books are available for sale at: This 'n That Book Store, O'Neill, M&M Lockers, Bristow, The Verdigre Eagle, Verdigre, Niobrara State Park, Niobrara, Argo Hotel, Croton, Valentine Visitors Center, The Refuge, Valentine, Rock County Library, Bassett, RC&D office, Plainview, St. James Marketplace, and the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center, Highway 81, south of Yankton.

Al made motion to approve the giving of books to Norfolk Daily News, Nebraska Life magazine, Joel Klammer, Jan Jorgensen, and Twyla Witt. Seconded by Julie. Carried.

The Nebraska Industry award did not get applied for we will try in 2012.

Al made a motion that Mary Rose explore expanding the pages of the Outlaw Trail website and able to make any decisions necessary up to \$500.00. If the cost is more, she must contact Board of Directors for approval. Larry seconded the motion. Carried.

Members are asked to check on the number of Outlaw Trail brochures on hand and report at the November meeting. If supply is low, this may be a winter project to check for changes and apply for a grant for new brochures. 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."

Brent Clark has changed jobs and will no longer be able to attend meetings but plans to still be involved with 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.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 10 a.m. at Angie's Glass Etching in Hartington. No meeting in December.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Toastmaster Eileen O'Connor used the word of the day that Grammarian Jane Miller introduced, "exodus," as did other members of Toastmasters Club 6217 during their Nov. 3 meeting in the Benedictine Center.

Gale Vogt was the main speaker and received critiques from Evaluator MJ Rogers. Vogt's speech, entitled "Bad for Yankton," was a researched informational presentation about changes to the Yankton community. Rogers praised Vogt for not taking information at face value but backing his opinion with documented facts. Vogt and Rogers received the Best Speaker and Best Evaluator awards, respectively.

O'Connor counted the votes to assist General Evaluator Muriel Stach's evaluation team. The rest of the team included Eric Taylor using the stop watch and Jennifer Wubben tracking the speakers' "unneeded "ums."

Impromptu questions were chosen by Tim Bohn. He asked Miller to choose any house from the "movies" that Miller would like to own. She picked the "Home Alone" house. Then Bohn asked Rogers to pick a pen name that he'd use if he was a novelist. Rogers said that it would be some variation on "bow and arrow". MJ and Miller tied for Best Table Topics Respondents.

The next week's schedule was announced prior to the meeting's adjournment.



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