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Yankton area high school seniors have the opportunity once again to apply for Elks National Foundation scholarships. Information concerning scholarship applications have been forwarded to area high school guidance counselors. Additions information is available to students by logging onto the Elks website: www.elks.org/enf/scholars

Ray Kooistra, who served many years as an educator in the Yankton school system, has been chairman of the scholarship committee for Yankton Elks Lodge 994 for years. He advises seniors who may be seeking higher education, either college or vocational education, to strongly consider an Elks scholarship application.

"Only the federal government provides more money for higher education scholarships than does the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks," says Kooistra.

Oprah Winfrey furthered her college education's, due in part, to an Elks National Foundation scholarship.

Any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen may apply. Applications will be judged on scholarship, leadership and financial need.

Applications must be submitted before Dec. 6, 2013, to the Elks lodge closest to the student's permanent U.S. residence, regardless of distance. Selection of winners begins at the local lodge level and continues through district, state and national judging.

Vocational education scholarship applications are also due Dec. 6.

Those seniors who come from an Elks family should take heed of the 2014 Legacy Awards. Established in 1998, the ENF Legacy Awards scholarship program awards 250 college

scholarships worth \$4,000 each to the children and grandchildren of current Elks members.

Those eligible are college-bound high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of current, dues-paying Elks are welcome to apply. Applicants compete against other children from the state of their sponsoring Elks lodge. They are judged on the core values of the Elks National Foundation — knowledge, charity, community service and integrity.

Applications are available online and must be submitted on or before Jan. 31, 2014. For more information:

www.elks.org/enf/scholars

Elks National Foundation emergency education grants were established in 1944. These are intended to aid children of Elk members who lost their lives or were incapacitated as a result of having served in the Armed Forces during World War II.

This opportunity for college financial assistance is available to all children from families where an Elk parent is deceased or totally disabled. Such scholarships come in the form of renewable, one-year grants of up to \$4,000. This grant is for educational assistance only and is not intended to cover the entire cost of a college education.

Eligible applicants must attend an accredited U.S. college or university as a full-time (12 semester hours) student; demonstrate financial need and be unmarried and under the age of 23 as of Dec. 31 in the year of application.

Applications are available by request between July 1 and Dec. 31 of the academic year for which assistance is desired. Contact the ENF Scholarship office at 773-755-4732 or scholarship@elks.org.

For more information on emergency educational grants: www.elks.org/enf.scholars/.

United Way Partner Agency Highlight:

RSVP Volunteers, Helping Our Community

BY DEB OVERSETH
Yankton RSVP Coordinator

Look around our community. Every day of the week, you will see Retire Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers helping address critical community needs. On Mondays, Jane is delivering Meals on Wheels to the elderly. On Tuesdays, Marcia is helping 2nd graders read at Beadle Elementary. Wednesdays are always busy with several RSVP volunteers packing food sacks for the Sack Pack Program. On Thursdays, Marge continues to assist many people with Medicare questions through the SHINE program and Gail tutors adults in English as a Second Language classes on Fridays. These RSVP volunteers and many more keep our non-profits and public agencies thriving day to day, week to week and month to month.

The Retired Senior Volunteer Programs mission is to assist individuals over the age of 55 to find enriching op-



SUBMITTED PHOTO
RSVP volunteer Joan Neubauer reads to children in the Headstart program.

portunities, volunteering their talents and making positive impacts within their communities. RSVP serves as a bridge to connect older adults with non-profit and public service agencies that request volunteer services. RSVP is like an employment agency for volunteers.

Last year 228 RSVP volunteers were engaged in over 42,000 volunteer hours in dozens of nonprofit organizations,

schools and human service agencies within our community. According to the Independent Sector, the value of the time the RSVP volunteers contributed would amount to \$678,720.

Part of the Senior Service Corp within the Corporation for National and Community Service, a portion of RSVP's granted funding is received from the national program and from United Way and Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton.

It is well-documented that volunteering boosts mental (and physical) well-being. When people contribute to their community or to an organization, they lead happier lives, have lower rates of depression and may even live a little longer than those who do not volunteer. Volunteering is good for volunteers and the organization they assist!

For more information or to enroll in the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program call 605-260-3100, email doversteth@iw.net or stop by the RSVP office at 610 West 23rd Street, Suite #11.

Riverrat Donation



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Bruce Schild, Race Director of Riverrat Marathon is seen here handing a \$3,000 check to Cheryl Schaefer of the Yankton Science Club from the proceeds of the 2013 Riverrat Run or Bike held April 27, 2013. Riverrat Marathon was established in 2010 as a way to raise money for several Yankton area groups. The groups include Yankton Science Club \$3,000, Yankton High School Track Team \$3,000, Bravo Battery of the South Dakota National Guard in Yankton, (formerly Charlie Battery) \$2,500, The Center \$500, and new for the upcoming 2014 Race, the Yankton Booster Club. The Riverrat Committee would like to thank all of our sponsors, especially Wells Fargo Bank and John A. Conking Distribution for making the Riverrat Marathon possible. For more information on the Riverrat Marathon Events and a list of sponsors, or to be a sponsor, go to riverratmarathon.com

FCSLA Meeting Set For Nov. 20 In Tyndall

TYNDALL — South Dakota F.C.S.L.A. WO93/C.W. (WO60/Vodnany) will host the state meeting at the Father Cronin Center in Tyndall Nov. 20. A catered lunch will

be served at noon on Nov. 20. An RSVP is needed to the branch or district officers as soon as possible.

It's requested that all S.D. FCSLA members attend.

Int. Education Week Activities Set At USD

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota will recognize International Education Week, Nov. 18-22, with several events, including programs designed to broaden international and cultural awareness on campus.

Highlighting the week of activities is the annual Global Palate Dinner from 5:30-7 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 21, prior to the opening of USD's production of "Les Misérables." Besides offering students who attend the dinner an opportunity to obtain a free ticket to the opening night of "Les Mis," attendees will also enjoy cuisines from the around the world and participate in a brief discussion about the conditions in France at the time the story of "Les Mis" takes place.

Additional International Education Week events include an International Forum at noon on Monday, Nov. 18, "Still Vulnerable to OPEC?" at Farber Hall in Old Main. Benno Wymar, Ph.D., professor emeritus of economics, Dennis A. Johnson, Ph.D., professor emeritus of economics, and Greg Huckabee, J.D., associate professor of business law,

will discuss the current relationship between the United States and OPEC member nations.

A cultural fair, showcasing USD's international presence, is at 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18 at the Pit Lounge in the Muenster University Center along with a screening of the film "Crossing Borders" at 7 p.m. in Farber Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Another film, "No," will also be screened in Farber Hall at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20, followed by a performance at noon on Friday, Nov. 22 from the Caribbean Coyotes steel drum band at the MUC Pit Lounge.

All events are free and open to the public.

International Education Week is a joint initiative between the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to promote programs which prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States. A complete calendar of events at USD is available at www.usd.edu/academics/center-for-academic-engagement/.

HHS Hosting Photo Event

Photographer Jamie Selves and Slumberland Furniture are teaming up with Heartland Humane Society to host its annual Pet Photos on Saturday, Nov. 23, at Slumberland Furniture in Yankton.

The event will run from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the furniture store on Broadway. Families or individuals wanting to get their photo taken are encouraged to make an appointment by calling HHS at 605-664-4244. All proceeds will benefit the animal shelter.

"This is a fun event to celebrate the pets in our lives," said Kerry Schmidt,

executive director at Heartland Humane Society. "Get your family's picture taken — with or without pets and help support all of our shelter animals this holiday season."

Participants will receive a CD of their photos with a photographer release.

Slumberland Furniture is coordinating a pet photo contest in conjunction with the event. Participants will have a chance to win a prize package for the best photo.

For more information, check out www.heartland-humanesociety.net/.

MEETINGS

ROY ANDERSON POST NO. 12

Roy Anderson Post No. 12 held its regular monthly meeting at the VFW post home with members Brandt, Darcy, Happe, E. Johnson, Krenos, F. Johnson, D. List, and DeBoer being present. All saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes and the financial report from the previous meeting were approved as read.

Americanism: Grocery Delivery down Don list talked on five things to do to order groceries.

Membership: Membership chairman Don list stated that we have 111 to 112 paid dues, and it needs help collecting unpaid dues.

Boys state: Director Darcy stated he will be handing out awards at the end of the second semester and hopes to get more interest in the boys state program.

Children and Youth: Fran Johnson stated that 40 bikes and other sports equipment will be going to the St. Joseph Indian school in Chamberlain. Also will be taking two trailers and two pick up loads Lake Andes where the tribe will distribute them at their next powwow.

Old business: None
New Business: Don list talked about the recent district meeting and stated that membership in the state is down 10,000 members in the last five or 10 years. Don also stated that Department is missing some addresses for Puffs. 2013-2014 Boys State will be held June 2 through June 6.

Members discussed the membership dinner will be held the third Tuesday in January at the VFW post home more information to come, motion was also made to have Bryce Cowman last year's Boys Stater to speak at the dinner.

Motion was also made to solicit members at the free Hy-Vee Veterans Day breakfast.

Next meeting will be Nov. 19, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW post home.

YANKTON TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, Nov. 9, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Hamilton. The invocation was given by Janice Stone followed by Janice Stone leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Matt Stone was introduced as the Toastmaster of the meeting. He called on grammarian Tara Arens to give the word of the day, which was "Accolade" and means "formal expression of praise." Table Topics was lead by Kevin Buhl on the subject of Yogi Bera Quotes. Speeches were given by Jeremy Skrenes on "The Four Rules" from the Competent Communicator manual and Angela Mann on "To Conquer the Pain" from the Competent Communicator manual. Master Evaluator of the meeting was Joy Winther, who evaluated the meeting and called on Jana Lane to evaluate Jeremy Skrenes and John Swenson to evaluate Angela Mann. Presentations were also given by grammarian Tara Arens, joke master Carol Smith, Ah Counter/Nail Dropper Harry Voelzke, timer Steve Hamilton, and Vote counter Teresa Rentsch. Table Topic winner was Janice Stone, best speaker was Angela Mann, and best evaluator was Jana Lane. Guests at the meeting were Darold Adamson, and Jack Dahlscid. Guests are welcome.

For more information call 665-9217.

GFWC YANKTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Yankton Chapter of GFWC Woman's Club met Nov. 2, 2013, at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club. President Pauline Akland called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance, South Dakota Pledge and Collect For Women were given.

Guests: Dores Allan introduced her guest Betty Thomas. Dot Blaha introduced Maritta Brown and Dorothy Boes both past State

Presidents from Bonesteel. They represent Dakota Crystals, a group of past State Presidents. They presented a \$50 check to Yankton Boys & Girls Club director Jesse Bailey in memory of our clubs past State President Nancy Burgess.

Program: Peggy Schiedel introduced our speakers Pastor Jon Cook and his wife Pam of Calvary Baptist Church. They spoke of their travels to Cameron, Africa to deliver messages at a retreat for the missionaries that live there. They are housed at the Baptist Hospital in Cameron. The biggest challenge of the people is their daily survival as it is not a well developed but is a peaceful country. People mostly walk everywhere, there is no electricity and travel is very difficult. They are working to develop clean water systems as many people die young from disease. Our Heifer Program has donated animals to them as there are no banks and no currency so they invest in animals for a living. Very interesting.

Marilyn Huntley distributed River Walk pamphlets. Yankton is having a kickoff this weekend as the state of South Dakota will be 125 years old in 2014. She encouraged us to do the historic walk today and view the sculptures also. She is taking orders today for Uncle Als Pecans etc. for the delivery at the Dec. 7 meeting. Also YAAA will have a Tour of Home Dec. 1 from 1-4 p.m.

Dot Blaha gave the treasurer's report, it will be filed pending audit. President Pauline reported that donations from the Eastern District meeting will be given to the Women & Childrens Shelter. The District by-laws were also approved as written at the meeting. Donna DeJean made a motion we approve the secretary minutes of the Oct. 5 meeting, 2nd by Marilyn Huntley, motion passed.

motion we donate \$150 of our club's money toward this project, 2nd by Joan Neubauer motion passed.

The Andersen family representing the Ice House raised \$900 from their golf tournament they asked our club if we would partner with them and donate slippers and blankets to all the residents of the nursing homes in Yankton. They would present their donation along with GFWC's to residents. Agnes Eide

made a motion we participate in this project 2nd by Anneliese Dehmer, motion passed. Please bring your items to the December meeting.

Judy Woerner was inducted into GFWC by President Pauline and presented a rose to welcome our new member. Leadership: Agnes Eide gave an informative program on taking time to relax, share our laughter, help others and make time for your-

self. She also showed us a book on self-care, and making quiet time for ourselves.

Bingo: Jo Anne Weber reported that Pauline Akland, Caprice Benoit, Reida Trout and Shirley Foss helped residents with bingo at Majestic Bluffs in October. Hostesses today were Vi Ranney & Donna Fischer, door prizes were won by Dorothy Boes, Joann Neubauer, and Dores Allan. No further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Yankton Citizen Of The Year

NOMINATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Please Mail Your Nominations To:

Citizen Of The Year, Yankton Press & Dakotan

319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078

or visit www.yankton.net/coy

My nomination for the 2013 Yankton Citizen of the Year is:

This person should be the Citizen of the Year because:

MY NAME: _____

MY ADDRESS: _____

MY PHONE NUMBER: _____