

Hillers Honored



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Yankton County Mission Hill Hillers 4-H club showing their awards they received at the recognition banquet on Nov. 1, 2014. Front to back, left to right: Payton Vellek, Katie Freng, Morgan Nielson, Karlie Freng, Dawson Vellek, Tori Vellek, Rose Lane, Rain Lane and Easton Vellek.

Fighting Hunger



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The senior high youth group from Trinity Lutheran Church packed over 2500 meals at Kids Against Hunger for children in need. If you would like to learn how you can make a difference, please visit www.kahyankton.org <http://www.kahyankton.org>.

Leader Awarded



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Joyce Stevens, Crofton, NE, was awarded two certificates from Toastmasters International designating her as both a Competent Speaker and a Competent Leader. Stevens is a member of Club 6217 Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters. She successfully proved her ability to correctly deliver ten speeches and to perform her assigned meeting duties. Stevens' goals were to speak without the use of unneeded notes and unnecessary "ah"s. Her speeches were researched, rehearsed, and relevant to Toastmasters ideals of integrity and respect.

United Way

YEA Members Awarded

Yankton teachers continue to go above and beyond serving our youth and helping families through volunteer work. The Yankton Education Association (YEA) is made up of 126 members including: classroom teachers, special education teachers, counselors, speech language pathologists, and paraprofessionals in Yankton. United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton is pleased to award the Yankton Educational Association as November's Volunteers of the Month.

When was the YEA group formed?

YEA chartered in 1969

The YEA group began volunteering because:

Our teachers began volunteering for a variety of reasons, as individuals many make strong contributions to organizations that serve youth especially. As a group YEA knows the importance of volunteers within their organization and knows that many other groups rely on volunteers to be able to fulfill the goals of helping people within the community.

The group continues to volunteer because:

YEA members continue to volunteer when called upon because as educators they see need within the community and are willing to give their time and talents to help others.

Where does the YEA group volunteer at?

Individual members of



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the YEA group volunteer with countless agencies in Yankton including Big Friend/Little Friend, Sack Pack, Literacy Council, Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, Kids Against Hunger, Special Olympics, 4-H, River City Domestic Violence Center, and several other youth enrichment programs (i.e. coaching youth sports, booster club, Boy Scout leaders)

As a group we have served the Banquet, provided cakes for the Banquet weekly, pack Sack Packs, Christmas tree display at the mall for food drive, this year had our first annual social event to help raise funds for United Way and plans to add

another new community service project later this year.

Approximate hours per year that YEA members volunteer:

As individuals the hours are countless, as a group we try to concentrate on 2 or 3 events each year as many of our members are so involved in multiple groups within the community.

Volunteer work is enjoyable because:

It is an opportunity to serve our community beyond the walls of the school buildings and interact with students and families by helping one another in multiple settings.

Your best volunteer experience was:

As a group our Banquet cakes have been a source of great reward. A birthday is special and everyone should have an opportunity to celebrate. It takes some coordination to get cakes to the Banquet weekly but the cakes make a big impact for those served by the Banquet.

The advice I would give to those thinking about getting out there and volunteering in their communities is:

Choose one place to start and focus on what you can do to help. Without a doubt the return will be 10 fold and lead you to more opportunities.

Students To Put On Winter Show

Stewart School students in grades 1-3 will be presenting their winter concert on Monday, Nov. 24. The concert will be held at 7 p.m. at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre.

In celebration of the 200th birthday of the Star Spangled Banner and the 125th birthday of South Dakota, the students will let their patriotic pride shine as they present their concert entitled "America Sings!"

The concert is directed by Mrs. Lori Leader and accompanied by Mrs. Kathleen West.

The concert is free of charge.

Veterans Day



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Pictured from Left to Right are Hailey Oswald, Sergeant First Class Chasity Oswald, Cody Oswald, Arias Huntley and Aurora Huntley

Beadle Students Support The Troops

Classrooms participated in a letter writing, coloring page and care package project at Beadle School to support one of our own parents who is deployed right now. Chad Huntley who serves in the Air National Guard is deployed with his unit currently. Chad and Aimee Huntley have two children attending Beadle, Arias and Aurora, and two other children that have attended,

Aiden and Arion. Classrooms colored pictures and wrote letters to honor Veteran's Day and learn about service to country, patriotism, and to show respect for our service men and women past and present. Students were asked to bring one item for a care package for our Beadle parent and his unit in Al Udeid, Qatar. A special thank you to Verna and Tom Thon for sponsoring the

shipping and handling costs of the care package. Students also learned about patriotism and the military on November 12 when we had Chasity Oswald, Beadle parent and veteran, from the Army National Guard, visiting all classes to celebrate Veteran's Day. Sergeant Oswald shared her experiences during her deployment to Afghanistan and her missions stateside.

MEETINGS

INTERCHANGE

Interchange held its regular weekly meeting Monday, November 17, 2014, at noon at Minerva's. Interchange Board President Ann Clough led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no guests.

The following announcements were made by members. Julie Amsberry, Yankton Area Arts announced the Tour of Homes, Dec. 7, The Crimson Door Holiday Show at GAR Hall Art Gallery, Dec. 6-23, and the Summer Band Christmas Concert to be held Dec. 14, 4 p.m. at the Yankton High School Theatre. Lois Varvel shared that there would be a Bake and Rummage (no clothes) Sale at the Meade Building Nov. 22 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hostess Frani Kieffer of the Boys and Girls Club introduced the guest speaker, Carey Mitzel, Principal Beadle Elementary School. He provided general information about Beadle Elementary School, and an overview of 1) the learning centers that host the emotional and behavioral programs for the district; 2) the staff and the importance of volunteers; 3) security and school safety measures; 4) implementation of technology such as Chromebooks, SmartBoards, iPads; 5) community service activities of the students; and 5) events occurring this week in honor of American Education Week. He also announced upcoming programs open to the public and reviewed the long-term and short-term goals of the Yankton School District.

The next meeting for Interchange is at Noon, Monday, Nov. 24, at Minerva's. Lois Halbur is the hostess and the program will feature representatives from South Dakota Public Broadcasting who will promote a special event that will highlight the new season of "Downtown Abbey." For more information about Interchange send an email to Interchange@yahoo.com.

YANKTON AREA WRITER'S CLUB

The Yankton Area Writer's Club met Monday, Nov. 10, at the Fry'n Pan in Yankton. In attendance were: Heidi Andersen, Scott Bormann, June Ende, and Margaret Rahn.

The November meeting was called to order.

1. Advertising

Members noted the YAWC information that was recently published in the Press and Dakotan.

2. Recitations

a. Margaret read her poem, "A Word to the Weary," that was published in Eber and Wein Publishing Best Poets of 2014 Volume 2. She also read her poem, "The Giant Squid" and her essay about "Epsom Salts."

b. June read her poem, "Arms Wide Open."

c. Heidi read her essay, "No Shopping Zone."

d. Scott read his poems, "Early Morning Entrance" and "Surprise Grandpa" to the group.

The Yankton Area Writer's Club is pleased to announce our presence on social media! Follow us on Twitter at @YanktonWriters (<https://twitter.com/YanktonWriters>). Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/yanktonwriters>.

The Yankton Area Writer's Club will meet Monday, Dec. 8, at the Fry'n Pan in Yankton. Meetings begin

at 7 p.m. Membership is free and open to all ages and all genres of writing. For more information, please visit our NEW website: <http://yanktonwriters.com>, e-mail info@yanktonwriters.com, or contact Nancy Burk at (605) 664-6582.

YANKTON REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Twenty-one members of the Yankton Regional Aviation Association (YRAA) held a potluck meeting on Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. in the terminal at Chan Gurney Airport. Participants came from Avon, Menno, Tyndall, Utica, Vermillion, and Yankton. Vice President Jim Eisenmenger welcomed everyone to the potluck meeting.

Jacob Hoffner recounted the effort to sell an aircraft to a Canadian citizen from Montreal, Quebec, which included de-registering the plane in the U.S., registering the plane in Canada, and getting the planes identification code painted on the tail and wings at Maverick Aviation in Sioux Falls. Hoffner has purchased another plane and hangar at Chan Gurney Airport. Denny Martens is teaching two people to fly at the Hartington Airport. The fuel system at the Springfield Airport is inoperative while a new fuel tank and containment tank are being installed. There was no word yet on whether Chan Gurney Airport will be selected to host an Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Regional Fly-in next year, which attracts a large number of aircraft and visitors. The next YRAA meeting will be on Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. at JoDean's Restaurant.

For more information about the YRAA, contact Steve Hamilton at 605-665-8448.

YANKTON COMMUNITY FORUM

Yankton Community Forum is a non-profit organization which meets the first three Tuesdays of every month at the Hillcrest Country Club. Coffee and rolls are served at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9 a.m.

Membership is limited to persons over 50 years of age. There is a membership fee and second year members are asked to secure one program a year.

If you are new to Yankton, this is an opportunity to meet people and to learn about our community. If you have lived in Yankton for a period of time, you will be surprised to learn about some of the things that are going on in and around our great community.

The interesting programs that were presented in November were:

• Nov. 4 — Dr. Wayne Kindle: Yankton Public School Superintendent-Discussed current happenings in the Yankton School System.

• Nov. 11 — Veterans Day program: Lawrence DeJong and Ken Smith talked about their Army and Navy experiences.

• Nov. 18 — Mohammad Khan: Interpreter from Afghanistan, discussed traditions, culture and life in Afghanistan.

You may contact President Joan Neubauer at 260-9564 or Rose Mather at 665-4615 for more information.

Economist To Speak

Dave Swenson, associate scientist from the Iowa State University Department of Economics, will speak in Yankton and Tyndall on Tuesday, Nov. 25. Swenson will speak at the Yankton Community Library at 1:30 p.m. and at the Tyndall Community Center at 7 p.m.

Swenson's presentation "The Rationale, Rewards and Risks of Using Property Tax-Based Tax Incentives in Rural Areas," is a "very timely concerning the proposed conglomerate Cargill/Aggrex grain facility proposals for Yankton and Bon Homme counties," said former longtime state legislator Frank Kloucek

Swenson has testified before the Iowa Legislature on the merits of tax increment financing. Swenson said, "Rural economic development faces special challenges. Tax-based incentives may produce regional economic gains, but public officials need to be mindful of both the potential rewards and the risks of leveraging rural tax bases to underwrite economic development."

Congratulations



Culver's Ribbon Cutting

The Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors hosted a Ribbon Cutting for Culver's located at 3208 Broadway Ave. For the owners, Jason and Kristi Bradley, this is their second store. Culver's has been around for 30 years with more than 500 family-owned and operated restaurants in 22 states. Co-Founder and CEO Craig Culver stated "Culver's was founded on the idea of providing excellent service and high-quality food made with the best ingredients." They are famous for their Butter Burgers and Fresh Frozen Custard including the Flavor of the Day. You can contact them at (605) 689-3200 or go to their webpage at: <http://www.culvers.com>.