

Weed Patch

Preparing The Garden For Winter

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Sigh ... it's November. Winter is just hovering behind the next shift in weather patterns.

Yes, our suntans are fading, the flowering pots are dying, the leaves are turning and dropping and there has been a little frost on the pumpkin. At least my tomatoes have breathed their last.

And thank heavens for that!

Last spring I purchased 36 tomato plants, convincing Bob it would be enough. But we are not real ambitious anymore so I didn't immediately place the plants in the ground. In a way that was okay, too, because a frost would have nipped their buds. In fact, even though I had them protected on my deck, I think they got nipped.

The three dozen seedlings did not look so good when I planted them. Bob took one look and said, "Buy some more." Of course, by this time — late — what was left in the store were not the best specimens. But after being married for 42 years, I religiously follow all my husband's requests (I have a big smile on my face right now!) and bought 36 more plants. I trudged to the garden and diligently planted one by each of the previously planted tomatoes.

Guess what? In one week, all the spindly, sad looking plants I first planted were healthy and growing like weeds. So were the new plants. So now, five months and 72 tomato plants later, Bob and I are sick of tomatoes. Even now when I look out at my garden, there's this SOLID row of red tomatoes, from one end of

my garden to the other. We couldn't can them all and no one else needed tomatoes. I even watched from my kitchen window as Bob tried innocently to till a few out in the early weeks. We canned until my jars were full. My daughters even canned some on their own, which was enlightening for me. Now I can pass the job on to them.

We have been trying to talk about cutting down our garden. We had a dry spell early on and several seeds did not start for us. This is the first year in several we haven't had to dig carrots or cover several feet of a row of carrots so they wouldn't freeze over the winter. Our

onions were a bust also. We ate several early on but do not have any to use over the winter months. My cabbage and eggplant were great, cucumbers plentiful and we still have a few kohlrabi to be picked. And for the first year in many, my gladiolas were gorgeous.

Bob found a tiller he can pull behind the riding lawn mower so we changed our garden strategy. Now there are long rows, spaced far apart so he can drive through with that setup. Saves us time and makes the gardening a little less labor-intensive.

I will miss my evening time on my deck now that the nights are cooler and the time has changed. Relaxing to the night birdsong and looking out over a country-wide view settles my mind and my soul. Of course, it's also a good time to check my music on my iPhone, play a couple games of Yahtzee with my niece in Stockton, California and pray a few prayers for the world we live in today, always hoping I will wake up in the morning and we still have a world to live in — and for gardening next summer.



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CROFTON, Neb. — Katelyn Stewart, a student at Crofton High School, has been chosen for the 2016 High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. She will perform Soprano I during Carnegie Hall's 125th anniversary season in February with the Honors Concert Choir. Participation in one of the five Honors Ensembles is limited to the highest-rated high school performers from across the world.

Earlier this year, Stewart auditioned for the Honors Performance Series and was accepted after a review by the Honors Selection Board. Acceptance to the elite group

is a direct result of the talent, dedication and achievements demonstrated in her application and audition recording.

Stewart will join other performers from all 49 United States, Guam, four Canadian provinces and a number of foreign countries for a special performance at Carnegie Hall, a venue that marks the pinnacle of musical achievement.

According to Morgan Smith, program director, "Being selected to the Honors Performance series is something each finalist should be extremely proud of accomplishing. We processed more than 18,000 nominations this year and have selected nearly

750 of the most talented student performers from around the world. Working with these conductors and performing Carnegie Hall is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that these musicians never forget."

Stewart has studied for 13 years and is a member of Crofton High School Chorus and Crofton High School Band. She has been a part of Nebraska All-State Choir for two years, was in the Nebraska All-State Musical, participated in Nebraska Ambassadors of Music this summer and has received Superiors on various vocal solos in Contest.

In response to her selections as a Finalist, Stewart

said, "This is such an amazing experience. I am so honored and excited to be selected."

Finalists will come together in New York City for five days in February 2016. They will have the opportunity to learn from world-renowned conductors, work with other finalists and get a taste of New York City. Two performances, an Honor Choral Performance and an Honors Instrumental Performance, will take place Sunday, Feb. 7, and are open to the public.

Tickets can be purchased beginning 60 days prior to the performance through the Carnegie Hall box office.

Yankton Sears Joins Make-A-Wish

With the holiday season right around the corner, the Yankton Sears Hometown Store is joining more than 1,200 Sears Hometown Store, Sears Outlet Store, Sears Home Appliance Showroom and Sears Appliance & Hardware locations nationwide in supporting the 2015 Sears Hometown and Outlet Stores, Inc. holiday campaign with Make-A-Wish. Called "Season of Wishes," the funds raised in the campaign will allow Make-A-Wish to help more children with life-threatening medical conditions experience the powerful, and oftentimes, life-changing impact of a fulfilled wish.

Through Dec. 31, customers are invited to make incremental donations of \$2, \$5 or \$10 in support of the campaign.

The Yankton store, which is located at 2901 Broadway Ave, will also offer the following fundraising promotions:

- Donate Now, Save Later with Award

Cards — Customers who donate \$5 to Make-A-Wish Nov. 19-22 or Dec. 10-13 will receive a \$10 Award Card to be used toward a future purchase; valid Dec. 3-9 or Dec. 26-31, respectively.

- Wednesday, Nov. 25, is Wish Wednesday — Customers are encouraged to donate \$5 to Make-A-Wish in order to take advantage of the locations' Thanksgiving Door Busters and Black Friday Deals early (from 5 p.m.-8 p.m.), avoiding the chaos and long lines while supporting a cause.

- A Very Merry Santa Sale at Sears Hometown Stores and Sears Outlet Stores

— Customers who donate \$5 to Make-A-Wish will receive an extra 10 percent off everything storewide; valid at Sears Hometown Stores and Sears Outlet Stores from Dec. 17-24.

"We are always looking for ways to help improve the lives of others, and are excited to take part in this national holiday campaign that will help raise funds for children who are more than deserving," said Tobey Woehl owner of the Sears Hometown Store in Yankton.

Through the Season of Wishes holiday campaign, Sears Hometown & Outlet Stores, Inc. will donate 100 percent of customer donations to Make-A-Wish. For more information, visit wish.org.

ShurTite Expands To New Location In Sioux Falls

Shur-Co®, LLC is pleased to announce the expansion of its ShurTite™ product line to a new location in Sioux Falls.

ShurTite™, formally Roll-Tite™, has been a Shur-Co® brand since 2014. With the new location opening in November 2015, Shur-Co® of Sioux Falls will be able to install ShurTite™ retractable tarp systems for flatbed trailers, drop deck trailers, straight trucks and specialty vehicles. The facility will also have the capability to

complete repair work for all brands of retractable systems.

Roll-Tite™ was founded in 1985 in rural Ontario and was the first to market a retractable tarp system. Roll-Tite™ quickly became the industry standard and remained the industry leader for two decades. After Shur-Co® acquired Roll-Tite™, the name was changed to ShurTite™ and was brought into Shur-Co's existing Flatbed Division. Up until now, ShurTite™ has operated out of its sole loca-

tion in Brantford, Ontario. The ShurTite™ facility at Brantford will not see any changes in operation, continuing as the primary manufacturing and distribution location for Shur-Tite products.

Commenting on the new location, Terry Tennant, President and CEO of Shur-Co®, states, "Since the acquisition, we have gained a tremendous amount of insight for the ShurTite product and our presence in the market. The

next step is to increase our capabilities for product distribution, service and installations. The Sioux Falls location allows us to do that. Given its proximity to our corporate headquarters, it also allows us to maximize our engineering support to further refine the offering. We are excited to take this step of growing our ShurTite business and regaining our position as the industry leader in retractable tarp systems."

MEETINGS

INTERCHANGE

Interchange held its regular weekly meeting Monday, November 16, 2015, at noon at Missouri River Associates. Interchange President Sherri Rodgers-Conti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paula Tacke, MMC, introduced her guest, Kristi Tacke. Kristi is a marketing consultant for Riverfront Broadcasting.

The following announcements were made by members: 1) Julie Ansberry, Yankton Area Arts Association announced that the Tour of Homes tickets are on sale and available at GAR Hall, Rexall, and Hy-Vee. The event is Dec. 6, 2015, and tickets are \$25; 2) Kathy Wibbels, Yankton Public Library, shared they are offering a new trending program, Coloring for Adults, on Nov. 28-29, 2015, from 2-4 p.m.; 3) Stephanie Moser, Yankton Convention & Visitor Bureau, announced that the Yankton Area Chamber is hosting a pre-legislative Luncheon at JoDean's on Nov. 17. The speaker is Dave Owens. She also invited everyone to the Chamber Mixer hosted by Mount Marty College on Tuesday, Nov. 17; 4) Deb Overseth, RSVP, announced that their annual fund raising raffle is currently under way. Tickets can be purchased from volunteers at Hy-Vee and the Yankton Mall; 5) Kathy Gerstner, Gerstner Oil, reminded members that Holiday Photos at Mead is Nov. 28, 2015. This is an opportunity to have a holiday picture in the Mead Building. Call the Dakota Territorial Museum to schedule an appointment. On Dec. 1, 2015, a formal dinner, Holly History at Mead, will be held in the restored lobby of the Mead Cultural Education Center.

Member Spotlight featured Tammy Matuska, Modern Woodman of America. Although she was born in the Yankton area, her family explored many parts of the world as her dad was in the Army. When she returned to Yankton, she married a farmer and started her career as a dietician in different settings including a nursing home and the Rural Office of Community Services. She then moved into the role as director of the Yankton Senior Center. After retiring from there, she joined Modern Woodman of America, which gives her

more time to spend with her family and grandchildren.

Julie Fischer, Missouri River Associates shared her story of transitioning from a smaller office building to larger office building (the former Farm Services Center) and closing Country Cupboard. In the near future, an attorney and a CPA/Accountant will be joining them. They also plan to add property management and estate and farm succession planning to their services. Their goal is have the building full within five years, including a coffee shop. They also plan to host outdoor events, such as car shows and family movies in the green space located just to the south of the building.

Hostess, Dr. Taryn Van Gilder-Pierce, Psychological Associates, introduced guest speaker, Dana Larson, James & Larson Law. Combining her degrees in law and social work, Dana's focus is family law. She shared updates with SD Family Law. The primary guideline in determining custody is following the premise of "What is in the best interest of the child?" Case law and statutory law sets the policy and guidelines for visiting. Historically, the court has seven factors it considers when determining custody arrangements. The "old law" — prior to July 2014, did not have joint physical custody as an option. Now, with the "new law" which allows for joint physical custody and shared parenting, the court not only considers the seven factors used under the "old law," it now has seven additional factors they consider. According to Ms. Larson, communication between parents is key to successful joint physical custody. She clarified the difference between joint physical custody and shared parenting. She also shared a new tool, Parenting Coordination, the courts are using. This tool allows trained professionals to resolve minority custody issues, eliminating the need to go to court. She finished her presentation talking about common myths regarding the child custody process.

The next meeting for Interchange is at noon, Monday, Nov. 23, 2015, at Mount Marty College. For more information about Interchange send an email to Interchange.Yankton@yahoo.com.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday Nov. 14, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Roy Wilcox. The invocation was given by Jack Dahlseid, who also lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Matt Stone was introduced as the Toastmaster of the meeting. He called on grammarian Steffon Newsome-Harris to give the word of the day, which was "Affable." Table Topics was lead by Roy Wilcox.

Speeches were presented by Lee Felder titled "Yankton Toastmaster Fall Cheer Award" from the Special Occasion Manual and Jeremy Skrenes title "Winter Riding" from the Competent Communicator Manual. Master Evaluator of the meeting was John Swensen, who evaluated the meeting and called on Janice Stone to evaluate Lee Felder's speech and Jack Dahlseid to evaluate Jeremy Skrenes's speech. Presentations were also given by grammarian Steffon Newsome-Harris, joke master Steffon Newsome-Harris, Ah Counter/Nail Dropper Hannah Horn, timer Jana Lane, and Vote Counter Steve Hamilton. Table Topic winner was John Swensen, best speaker was Lee Felder, and best evaluator was Janice Stone. Guests are welcome.

For more information, call 665-9217.

YANKTON REGIONAL AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION

Twenty-six members and guests attended the YRAA meeting on Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. in the terminal at Chan Gurney Airport for a potluck dinner. Attendees came from Norfolk, Randolph, Jefferson, Menno, Mission Hill, Tyndall, Vermillion and Yankton.

Vice President Francis Serr welcomed everyone to the meeting. Francis reviewed the results of the Young Eagles Rally on Oct. 25 at Chan Gurney Airport for 6th Grade Reading students. A total of 116 students were flown by nine pilots and the Rally was conducted by 10 ground volunteers. The annual Christmas Party was set for Dec. 13 at JoDean's. Damien Larsen briefly talked about his YG Sport Set Paraglider, and sang and danced the Popsicle Song with help from his mom

Veronica. The next YRAA meeting was set for Jan. 17 in the airport terminal at Yankton with the theme "Men Cooking." Prior to the potluck meeting another meeting was held to discuss the possibility of organizing an air show at Chan Gurney Airport in the future.

For more information about the YRAA contact Steve Hamilton at 605-665-8448 or skyhawk@iw.net.

ROY ANDERSON UNIT #12 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Roy Anderson Unit #12 American Legion Auxiliary met Nov. 16, 2015, with President Betty Adam presiding. Chaplain Theresa Brandt presented the opening prayer followed by the Pledge to the Flag. Battle Hymn of the Republic was sung. Members recited the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary and observed a moment of Silent Prayer for our honored dead.

Veterans Affairs Program chair Gloria Pibal presented Joan Schild who presented a moving tribute to veterans.

Six officers answered Roll Call after which 19 members identified themselves. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Mazourek presented the Treasurers report which was approved upon motion by Gloria Pibal and Martha Ausborn. The bakeless bake sale continues.

Membership reports that we are at 85 continuous members. National is requesting 141.

District President Kathleen Geiman was present and gave guidance to various Auxiliary programs. Thank you notes for dictionaries from third grade students of Stewart school were passed. Gert Boyles spoke about changes being made within Girl's State Journalism City.

Numerous Christmas parties and Christmas gift wrapping opportunities are available for Auxiliary members: Gift Shop at HSC Monday Nov. 3; Christmas Party at HSC Wednesday, Dec. 9 beginning at 5 p.m.; Bingo Party at HSC on Jan. 21. There is also gift wrapping at the Royal C. Johnson facility in Sioux Falls on Dec. 2. Midwinter Conference will be held in Huron Feb. 12-14. The next meeting will be

held Jan. 18.

Chaplain Brandt presented the closing prayer and meeting was adjourned.

Lunch was served by Priscilla Mazourek and Joyce List.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 6217

With Veterans Day as the theme for Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters noon meeting Nov. 12, 2015, in Pavilion Room 2, Jeff May led the invocation with a prayer from Black Elk's descendant. Then Toastmaster Greg Stach introduced guest Chris Wortmann, Crofton; and asked Grammarian Sister Eileen O'Connor for her word of the day. O'Connor presented "palmary" with its history and usage relating it to Veterans.

Table Topics Master Chelsi Hames, Crofton, questioned Steve Anderson about his Veteran's Day philosophy. Anderson recalled the vets coming home from Vietnam and feels all veterans have made sacrifices and these sacrifices should not be forgotten.

May was asked if there should be school on Veteran's Day compared to other holidays like Martin Luther King Day. May thinks we all have our own priorities. Therefore we should each decide which holiday is important to us and respect those which are special to others, e.g. Native American Day here in South Dakota.

Wortmann said his dad is a Vet; therefore Veterans Day has special meaning to his family. He likes the idea of school children writing messages to Vets, which is an activity that Jennifer Wubben's daughters took part in. Wubben also recalls saying the Pledge of Allegiance daily when she was in school.

Joyce Stevens, Crofton, and Stan Sudbeck, Hartington, were the main speakers. Stevens detailed the steps "From Nominee to Honoree" for S.D. Mother of the Year via Power Point, while emphasizing the historical background of the program. Sudbeck's "Corn for Cars" informed the audience that there are no more subsidies for ethanol plants; but, like other plants, the new one at Jackson, Nebraska, will help farmers by giving them another outlet.

The speakers were given

feedback on how well they presented their topics, not the topic per se. Fran Kocer, Wagner, appreciated the facts and research that went into Sudbeck's speech. While Jen Hovland liked the way Steven's introduced the "SD Mother of the Year" program, which was previously unknown to most of the audience.

Other feedback for the all the speakers came from the timer, Wubben; the "ums and ahs" note taker DJ Knodel, and the General Evaluator Muriel Stach.

Guests are welcome at ASHH Toastmasters' meetings at noon on Thursdays in Pavilion Room 2; and more information can be found by calling 665-6776 or going to the Club's website.

ERNEST BOWYER POST 791 AUXILIARY

The VFW Auxiliary to Ernest Bowyer Post 791 met Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, at the Post Home with President Dorothy Stange presiding. The meeting opened according to ritual. All officers were present with exception of Joyce Stahlecker and Val Larson.

A membership application from Delphine Peterson was accepted upon motion by Shirley Christensen seconded by Judy Potts.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected. Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Shelly Stoddard. Membership is currently at 84.058 percent.

Reports were presented by Veterans & Family Support Chair Jane Slowey, Cancer Aid and Research Shelley Stoddard, National Home Marlys List, Legislation and Buddy Poppies by Marge Olson.

General Orders from State President Nancy Worth were read as were notes from the families of Sam Garrity, Erna Jungclaus, Lea Guthmiller, Char Herlein as well as a thank you! and donation by Palma Rossmas. Bills and obligations were paid. Norma Bender was the recipient of the 10 cent cup and Dot Blaha won the attendance prize.

Refreshments were served by Marge Olson and Shelley Stoddard. Meeting was adjourned following the closing prayer by Chaplain Jane Slowey.