

Thank You For Making A Difference

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WOW Yankton, we are impressed! We are humbled. We are so grateful for your generosity. This year's Make a Difference Day, Community Coat Collection has been a huge success thanks to YOU, our caring neighbors.

United Way & Volunteer Services along with the Yankton Volunteer Leaders group put the call out for our 17th annual Make A Difference Day, Coat & Winter Wear Giveaway, asking community members to help make a difference by donating gently used winter coats, snow pants, mittens, hats, scarves, and boots. And once again, our community went above and beyond.

So many people in our community rally behind this event each and every year! THANK YOU to the Boys & Girls Club, Payless Shoes, Maurice's, and Avera Sacred Heart Hospital for serving as drop off locations. THANK YOU to Yankton High School and Middle School, Beadle, Lincoln, Stewart and Webster Elementary, Sacred Heart Middle and Elementary Schools for also serving as drop off



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Winter clothing donated for Make a Difference Day.

locations. Your Student Councils, teachers, students, and administrators have helped promote this project and ensure its success year after year. THANK YOU all for your continued partnership. Your efforts have been outstanding, and have resulted in a mountain of warm winter wear that we get to share with our neighbors in need. Great job!

THANK YOU to the Yankton Volunteer Leaders for assisting in the coordination of the collection drive, the SD Human Services Center for hosting the distribution,

Boy Scouts troops for picking up the donations, Mt. Marty students for sorting the donations, RSVP volunteers for working the event, and to all the volunteers that help to display and clean up after the event. What wonderful collaboration, what an outstanding community effort!

The Coat and Winter Wear Giveaway will be held this Saturday, October 26th at the Human Services Center, South Training Center (Old Chapel) from 9:00am to 10:30 am. The Clothing Closet will also be having a

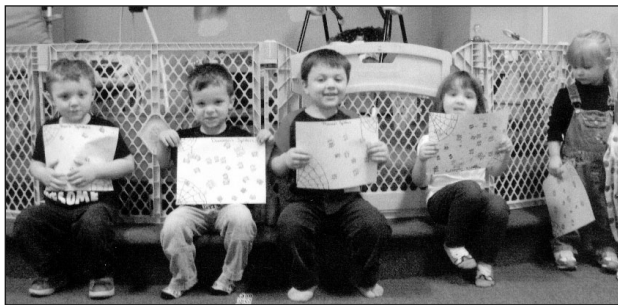
free voucher day, 9:00am to 12 Noon.

Many other local organizations are collaborating and joining in the spirit of Make A Difference Day by hosting projects on Saturday. The Lion's Club, alongside the First United Methodist Church Ladies Night Out Club, is holding a Baby Shower and Diaper Drive for our youngest neighbors to meet their needs. The Boy Scouts are collecting food and paper goods for the Contact Center's Food Pantry, (so make sure to fill that plastic bag you received on Tuesday)! Big Friend Little Friend is conducting an Undergarment Drive for the Clothing Closet. And Habitat for Humanity is kicking off their "Brush with Kindness" program which assists low-income families in repairing and renovating their homes.

Again, WOW. What tremendous efforts and heart-warming projects! All these projects, again, are a testament to the caring and giving community we are a part of. THANK YOU again for making a difference!

For more information on Make A Difference Day, please contact the United Way & Volunteer Services' office at 665-6766 or visit www.yanktonunitedway.org

Halloween Daycare



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Care-A-Lot- Learning-Center recently hosted a Spider & Bat Week. The children enjoyed making their own bats, thumb print spiders and Itsy Bitsy Bat Books. These preschool activities are fun and educational promote child development. Upcoming themes include Numbers to Know, Pilgrim Week, Turkey Week and much more. Care-A-Lot Learning Center LLC staff and children want to wish everyone a safe and Happy Halloween.

Design Build Meeting Set

A public meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Oct. 29 to discuss the Design Build Project. This meeting will be held at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theater.

The public is invited to attend and provide input.

Information regarding the Design Build Project can found at www.ysd.k12.sd.us/design-buildproject.

MEETINGS

VFW LADIES AUXILIARY

At its October meeting, the Ladies Auxiliary to Ernest Bowyer V.F.W. Post 791 opened by President Joyce Stahlecker. Roll call, followed with opening prayer, Patriotic Instructions, pledge to the Flag and the Star Spangled Banner.

Stahlecker introduced District #1 President Donita Mullinix and Mrs. Don (Gerri) Dahlin as guests of the meeting. Application for Membership: Patricia Callaghan, Erin Schramm, Nichole Swan and Jenny McConnell were presented and accepted. Minutes read by Schramm and the treasurer's report by Olson, with a report on the Soup Kitchen. Correspondence read by Schramm.

Committee reports: Americanism by Stoddard: 4 volunteers walked in the Homecoming parade,

Church by Christensen: cancelled Stamp when to Catholic Daughters, Funerals by Schramm: had one funeral with 3 volunteers, Hospital by Slowey: monthly visit to HSC with 496-Benefiting. CA&R and Ways and Means by Olson: Free Membership Drawing, Live (Cancer Dues): Mary Hibbs, Annual: Mary Kay Waldner. National Home by List: thanking for soup Labels, Poppies by Blaha: need helpers Friday morning for Poppy Day. Majestic Bluff by Mellem, visited 4 times with 237 Benefiting.

New business: Stahlecker thanked ladies for walking in Parade and for helping at the Soup Kitchen especially Marlene Schramm, Chairman. Olson report on the soup kitchen, Thanking everyone for helping, yet there is was not enough help in preparation and clean up, more help is needed.

Stahlecker passed around a sign up sheet for Bingo, it will be listed in news letter. The Court Appointed Special Advocates requested a donation, and a donation was approved. Stoddard brought up "Make a Difference Day," everyone is asked to bring something for the Contact Center to next meeting. District #1 meeting will be Oct. 27 in Canton at 2 p.m.

Stahlecker then asked District President Mullinix to speak. She thanked our Auxiliary for all of our help. Fall Council Nancy Fickbohm showed baby quilts, and Veterans and Family Support: the "Kits" work wonderful at the home. Christmas Tree will be in Pierre with a theme "Christmas in the Great Outdoors." A 3x5 Stars with Veterans photo and their name will be in front and the Post on the back. They can be sent to Deb Fahey in Pierre. There is a new design for the Official V.F.W. Auxiliary blouse. President Mullinix presented a check for Cancer Aid and Research from part of her winnings at the Convention and Nancy Wirth is making beaded Bracelet at the Cost of \$20 with net proceeds go to Cancer Aid and Research.

Nov. 11 is Veteran's Day with a catered dinner free to all paid up members — catering by Central Catering

of Hawarden, Iowa. Need help to decorate.

Next meeting is Nov. 12, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.

GFWC YANKTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Yankton Chapter of GFWC Woman's Club met Oct. 5, 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: Fran Fox introduced her guests Joan Wolf, Judy Woerner, and Ginger Moeller. Our speakers mother Angie Logue was also introduced. Marilyn Huntley is in charge of Uncle Als Pecans sales. She is taking orders at the October & November meeting for delivery at the December meeting.

Program: President Akland introduced our speaker Alexis Logue a senior at Irene-Wakonda High School. She attended Girls State in Vermillion and while there was selected as one of two girls from South Dakota to attend Girls Nation July 20-27 in Washington D.C. Alexis said it was a life changing experience. She was a member of the Federalist Party and they spent a week of mock senate and debated and passed bills. She also met our South Dakota Senators and Congresswoman. She learned alot about the American Legion and our Government. She was one of 99 girls who attended. A very interesting program.

Correspondence: A thank you was read from Anna Gulick of Yankton to our GFWC for funding her trip to Girls State. Also for our members for providing bedding, etc., and painting the Homeless Shelter from Carol Pooler and Jaci Benjamin. President Akland thanked individual members who helped and announced GFWC will partnership with the Homeless Shelter after the first of the year to finish the basement. Judi Olson and Peggy Schiedel thanked everyone for their help on this project. Judi Olson also made a motion we go ahead with the second project in the basement, second by Cindy Filipis, motion passed. Dot Blaha gave the treasurer's report it will be filed pending audit.

New Business: On Sept. 19 the board members discussed that GFWC members volunteer to provide meals for Habitat for Humanity to workers at the job site. Julie Clifton will coordinate dates and meals. We will be providing meals the second Friday of the month. We start with November, December and January. We need four people each time, a sign up sheet was passed around.

Leadership: Pauline Akland gave a tear-jerking report about a young boy who had lost his mom and had nothing. Because of the compassion of a teacher he went on to be an outstanding student and became a Doctor. When he got married he asked his former teacher to take his mother's place in

the wedding as she was the best teacher he ever had. The Stoddard Cancer Wing in Iowa City is named in his honor.

We observed a minute of silence along with a lighted candle in memory of Louise Kozel a former 65-year member who passed away.

Maysel Goltz attended the Mississippi Valley Region 40th annual conference in Rapid City. She gave a brief and interesting report on the conference. She also passed out copies of the GFWC Eastern District Call which is Saturday October 19, 2013 at First Lutheran Mission Coffee House in Brookings and are asking for donations for their Domestic Abuse Shelter.

Secretary minutes: Dot Blaha made a motion, 2nd by Donna DeJean we approve the minutes of the Sept. 7, 2013, meeting, motion passed Due to a conflict the date of the Luncheon-Dessert-Style show has been changed to Saturday March 29, 2013. Hostesses today were Judy Ray and Ellen Rodenberg, door prizes were won by Gert Van Lent, Marlene Larson, Joan Wolf, Marilyn Huntley and Maysel Goltz.

No further business the meeting was adjourned.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER #33, OES

Keystone Chapter #33, OES, met Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Masonic Temple, Yankton. Sue Koopp, Worthy Matron, presided.

Officer for the next term were elected as follows: Christine Bryan, Worthy Matron; Charles Bryan, Worthy Patron; Kathryn Buechler, Associate Matron; Don Koopp, Associate Patron; Neva Raysby, Secretary; Mary Johnson, Treasurer; Sue Koopp, Conductress; Carol Frey, associate Conductress.

Kathryn Buechler gave a report on Grand Chapter held in Pierre, Oct. 11-13.

Mary and Rodger Smith served refreshments. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 21, at the Masonic Temple in Yankton, beginning at 7:30, with installation of officer to follow.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Chelsi Hames called Toastmasters Club 6217 to order Oct. 17 at noon in the KPI Conference Room with a

warm welcome and an invocation by Steve Anderson.

Anderson also presented the word of the day, "Utopia" and tracked its use by the speakers as well as unusual and interesting phrases, like "world is our oyster" and "breathe of fresh air".

Joyce Stevens evaluation team included timer Gale Vogt and "ah" counter Tim Bohn.

Speaker Jen Hovland did a special speech this week introducing our Toastmaster of the Year awards for both Club 6217 and Area to Eileen O'Connor who then did an acceptance and thank you speech following.

Hovland was evaluated by Kary Beltz and O'Connor by Stan Sudbeck with praise for clearly indicating awards and usage of the word of the day by both speakers and also how genuine the acceptance speech was.

Table Topics Master Greg Stag asked impromptu questions, using current events. If Bohn were to become President of any company he would want qualified staff and would worry about the financial end of things since that's not his best suit. Anderson's thoughts on Healthcare Act were that our Government didn't expect it to take so long or cost so much. Vogt also commenting on Healthcare Act mentioning how it is affecting his family with waiting on healthcare plans until resolution is made with our Government.

Hames awarded trophies to Sudbeck as Best Evaluator, to O'Connor for Best Speaker and Anderson for Best Respondent in Table Topics. Hames then asked President Jen Hovland for announcements, which were upcoming Guest Day Oct. 31, please come join the fun for treats (no tricks).

OUTLAW TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

Officers of the Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway and "See the Byway the Quiltway" workers gathered at St. James Marketplace on Wednesday evening, Oct. 16, for a light lunch and celebrate the success of 16 towns along the 231 mile Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway working together to promote the Byway with a wonderful weekend for quilters of a different and outstanding quilt

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