

Coat & Winter Wear Drive Is Under Way

Numerous groups within the Yankton community, and throughout the country, will be making an impact through the nationwide event, Make a Difference Day. Held annually in October, the United Way & Volunteer Services and Yankton Volunteer Leaders join millions of Americans on this day of action to help improve the world.

The biggest Make a Difference Day project within the region is the Coat & Winter Wear Giveaway, where hundreds of winter clothing items will be distributed to those in need. In preparation for this event, an annual Community Collection Drive is conducted.

Community members are being asked to drop off gently used and clean winter coats, boots, snow pants, and winter hats and gloves to the Boys & Girls Club, Payless Shoes, Maurice's, Yankton Community Library or Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, main lobby entrance, Oct. 5-16. School aged students can drop off their donations at participating schools from Oct. 12-16.

Items needed are gently used and clean winter coats, boots, snow pants, hats and gloves. All sizes needed, but children's coats are most in need.

Upon collection of the items, they are sorted and displayed for the Coat & Winter Wear Giveaway at the Yankton City Gymnasium, 416 Walnut, from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 22. This year's event will also host a Community Resource Fair with information booths on community programs and services.

For more information about drop off locations, the giveaway or Resource Fair, contact the United Way & Volunteer Services' office at 605-665-6766.

October Plant Tips

Kyle Hochstein is a partner and arborist at Hartington Tree Service with offices at 56303 882 Rd south of Hartington Nebraska, (402) 254-6710 and on 1103 E. Hwy 50 in Yankton (605) 260-1490. Hartington Tree Service is a full care tree service and tree nursery. Thanks to Hochstein for sharing tips on minimizing "winterburn" with evergreen trees.

- Winterburn is usually attributed to loss of water through transpiration. Winter sun and winds dry needles. Water in the roots and stems is frozen and is unavailable to replenish the loss. Rapid temperature drops after warm

sunny day can also contribute to plant injury.

- Carefully select trees that are known to be hardy for our area.
- In late fall deeply water trees until ground is frozen and continue watering trees through the winter when temperatures are above freezing.
- Mulch trees. Mulching helps conserve moisture and helps insulate root system.
- Consider spraying trees with an antitranspirant that helps minimize the loss of moisture from needles. Start applications in late fall.
- Wrap problem plants with burlap or another material to protect from wind.

United Way

Volunteer Shows Importance Of Sack Pack Program

Unfortunately, for many youth in our community, hunger is a reality. The Sack Pack program, a United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton Partner Agency, strives to end childhood hunger by providing packs of shelf-stable food to children at risk of hunger over the weekend.

The Sack Pack program requires the skills and talents of many local volunteers to be successful. Sandi Kramer is one of many volunteers who have worked tirelessly to help make Sack Pack what it is today, with approximately 400 packs being distributed weekly. Sandi has also been instrumental in starting the Angel Fund in Yankton (where students who may not qualify for the free or reduced lunch program, but are facing financial hardships, are provided with school lunches at no cost).

Because of her dedication to Sack Pack and her commitment to ensure every child has nutritious meals over the weekend, Sandi was recently awarded as United Way & Volunteer Services' September Volunteer of the Month.

Jill Wermers, a fellow Sack Pack Board Member who nominated Kramer for the award, states, "It is hard to even put into words the care and compassion that Sandi has for providing food and good nutrition to the children of our community."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sandi Kramer

We asked Sandi to tell us a little more about the important work she does with the Sack Pack program:

I have lived here in the Yankton Area since 1981 and began volunteering in 2007. I started volunteering for the

Sack Pack program from its beginning, and have been volunteering regularly ever since.

I volunteer approximately 150 hours per year. I am in charge of weekly meal planning. I help organize the food

that is needed for each pack and assist with most weekly packings. I feel honored to have a role in being part of starting the Sack Pack program here in Yankton, and being on the Board of Directors.

I continue volunteering because I feel it is so important that our children do not go hungry. The Sack Pack program is a vital part to ending childhood hunger in Yankton and I am very happy to be a part of it!

Volunteer work is enjoyable to me because I have met so many great people along the way and I get to help children right here in our community.

My favorite part of volunteering for Sack Pack is hearing stories from the children about how much the program means to them.

The advice I would give to those thinking about getting out there and volunteering in their communities would be that, "You get back more than you will ever give when you volunteer. Everyone is busy but it is a reward that you cannot put a price on."

For more information about the Sack Pack program or how you can volunteer in our community, contact United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton at 605-665-6766 or visit www.yanktonunitedway.org/volunteer.

New Employees Join Local Firm

Masaba Appoints Morales As Director

VERMILLION — Masaba Inc, North American manufacturer and supplier of material handling equipment, is pleased to announce the appointment of Carlos Morales, Director Latin America.

Carlos has more than 20 years business experience in both private and public sector roles. Most recently Carlos was branch manager for an equipment distributor based in Chihuahua, Mexico. Carlos holds a masters degree and undergraduate degree from ITESM and UCAH Chihuahua, Mexico.

Lemonade Stand Grand Re-Opening Set

The Lemonade Stand in Yankton is a retail store featuring custom-built furniture, home decor, and one-of-a-kind vintage items. It's been located out by the lake for the past 1 1/2 years and is now making the move to Broadway, taking over the location where the old Country Cupboard Floral & Gifts used to be.

The store's Grand Re-Opening at 2800 Broadway will take place on Oct 24. Follow the Lemonade Stand on Facebook and find out more at www.lemonadestandnyankton.com.

Johnson, Miner, Marlow, Woodward & Huff, Prof. LLC is pleased to announce that Paul Van Olson, Nick Moser and Jacob Tewes have joined the firm.

Mr. Van Olson, originally from Norfolk, Nebraska, joins the firm as an accomplished communicator and advocate. After completing his B.S.F.S. in Diplomacy and International Security at Georgetown in 1991, he spent more than a decade with Boeing as a Governmental Relations Specialist. He also wrote, edited and consulted in education, marketing and communications before he enrolled in law school at the University of South Dakota in 2010. As a law student Mr. Van Olson participated in law review, trial team and a number of student organizations and competitions. He graduated with Sterling Honors in May of 2013, practiced law independently for one year and joined JMMWH in February 2015. Mr. Van Olson, his wife, Cora, and children, Joyce and Anders, are all active in the Yankton Area Ice Association.

Mr. Moser, a Yankton native, brings his own unique set of experiences to the firm. After earning his B.A. in Political Science from USD with high distinction in 2006, he was Director of Youth and Family Ministries at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton from 2007-2012. In 2008, he was elected to the S.D. State House of Representatives. After his second term, when he served as the majority whip, he left politics to enroll at the USD School of Law. As a student, he was on the Moot Court Board and graduated with High Honors. He began to clerk with JMMWH as a third year student, and graduated in May of 2015 with both J.D. and M.P.A. degrees. Nick and his wife Ginny are active members of the Yankton community, and Nick continues to serve on a variety of local and statewide philanthropic boards.

Mr. Tewes, originally from Lincoln, Nebraska, joins the firm as its youngest member. He earned his dual B.A. in Music and Humanities with high distinction from Valparaiso University

in 2011 and spent the following year as a music and English instructor in San José, Costa Rica. He returned to Lincoln to enroll in the University of Nebraska College of Law in 2012. In law school, Jacob was active in a wide variety of student organizations and moot court competitions, including a semifinals appearance in the 2015 Manfred Lachs International Space Law Competition's North America regional. He graduated with distinction in May of 2015 and moved to Yankton in August with his wife, Heather. Jacob is also an active pilot, and hopes to develop a regional aviation and space law practice.

JMMWH is a full-service law firm serving a wide variety of clients throughout the upper Midwest. The firm's primary areas of practice include: personal injury, commercial & civil litigation, estate planning, real estate, business formation, agricultural law and commercial transactions.

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MEETINGS

YARSP

The Yankton Area Retired School Personnel met on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at JoDean's Restaurant. Guests included Maxine Hughes, Veronica Trezona, Kenny Tomek and Dick Neubauer.

Kenny Tomek, registered dietician at HyVee, gave a presentation entitled "Eat This, Not That." He provided valuable information on nutrition and the importance of reading labels. He pointed out differences between several products, pointing out the ways to eat more healthy foods.

Veronica Trezona spoke to the group on the Yankton Literary Council and encouraged members to become involved with the organization. She reported that they are in need of tutors.

The business meeting was conducted by Vice President Sandy Rupiper. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Included in the treasurer's report was the balance in the scholarship fund. Members were reminded to continue to contribute in honor or memory of someone.

Committee Reports: Membership - Donna Fischer reported that they continue to seek new members. Courtesy - Pat Schulze reported sending Thinking of You cards. She also discussed visiting members who are in nursing or retirement homes. Legislative - Gene Bormann spoke about impending changes to SDRS. Sack Pack - Lola Waldner reported that our group will do Sack Pack on October 28. Members are urged to call her if they have not signed up. Publicity - Nora Lee reported that a summary of the monthly minutes is being published in the Yankton Press & Dakotan.

Old Business: Nora Lee reported that the Constitution and By-Laws have been updated. A motion was by Donna Fischer, second by Reynold Loecker to approve. Motion was carried.

Door Prizes (provided by Dave and Donna Fischer) were won by Dave Gellerman, Eileen Neubauer and Marilyn Kratz. Eileen will provide door prizes for the next meeting.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, Oct. 12, 2015, at noon at Minerva's. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Cynthia Miller. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members gave the following announcement:

Sheila Kuchta of the Avera Sacred Heart Foundation announced that tickets are still available for the Simply d'Vine fundraising event to be held on October 23. The event runs from 7-10 p.m. and raises funds for cancer treatment care and wellness initiatives.

This week's Member Spotlight featured Kathie Gerstner. Kathie gave an overview of her family and of her life since moving to Yankton in 1964. She held jobs at JC Penney's and at a local radio station. She went on to get her college degree and became a stock broker with IDS/American Express. She later owned her own bridal store for eight years. Kathie shared that she has been a member of Interchange for 30 years and finds that now as a retired person the organization really helps keep her connected to the community.

Today's hostess was member Joyce Stevens. Joyce is retired from the Yankton Medical Clinic

Pharmacy. Her guest speaker was Elizabeth Koerner, a pre-school teacher at Sacred Heart School and is South Dakota's 2015 Young Mother of the Year. Elizabeth was selected for this honor in February through the organization American Mothers, Inc. (AMI). She explained that AMI is a national organization which began in 1935 and champions women by honoring, educating and serving mothers at home, at work and in the world. Elizabeth spoke of her opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., this past April where she met other state Young Mother of the Year recipients from around the country. She explained the three pillars of the AMI organization which are honor, education and service, and their mission is to reduce violence and improve the lives of mothers around the world.

Interchange will not meet on Monday, Oct. 19, due to the Women's Health Forum. The next meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 26, 2015, at noon at Minerva's with Member Spotlight on Deb Farver. Gert Thomas will host and her speaker will be Lisa Kneiff with her new business Twist of Pine.

ROY ANDERSON POST NO. 12

The Sept. 15, 2015, meeting was called to order by Commander Hollenbeck with members, Amon, Brandt, Darcy, Edwards, Happe, Huisman, F. Johnson and Don L. being present. All saluted the colors which were in place and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Happe gave the invocation.

Minutes: Previous months minutes and financial report were read and approved.

Boys State: Director Darcy stated that we had collected \$289.00 in donations

from the Riverboat Days Museum display.

Children and Youth: Director Johnson stated that he and Gene List delivered a load to the Lake Andes Community Center. Some talk on delivery changes.

Membership: 144 with a goal of 238, including 7 transfers, there may be changes coming in the next minutes report on membership.

POW/MIA: WW2/ 1st Lt Alexander Bonnyman USMC; Korea/ Sgt Christopher Vars (A); Cpl James Otto USMC; Cpl Robert Meyers (A); James Reilly USMCR; Cpl George Mason (A).

Americanism: Don List talked on how it was an honor for he and Marlys to be the Grand Marshalls of the Riverboat Days Parade. Thank you goes to member Robert Dejong for the use of his flatbed trailer for the Veterans to ride on during the parade.

Unfinished Business: Talked a little on the membership target dates.

New Business: Commander Hollenbeck talked on picking up possible members from the Federal Prison Camp and the Trustee Unit at HSC. Commander also stated that the Springfield Prison has started their own Post with the help of Commander Hanson and States Membership Chairman Hevle.

FPC is willing to make casket flag boxes for the Legion posts in the state, more info will be coming in the coming months.

Sick Call: Patty Davies Post Everlasting: None Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting: Oct. 20, 2015, at 730 p.m. at the VFW Post Home.

ASHH TOASTMASTERS

"Reiterate" was the word of the day presented by Stan Sudbeck, Hartington, Nebraska, at the Oct. 8, 2015, noon meeting of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters in Pavilion Room 3.

Capsizeing S.D. Manufacturing Week was Jeff May with his speech entitled "Manufacturing: We Need You!" He emphasized the employment potential available for college graduates and non-college bound students who want to stay in this community while having opportunities for advancement and good paying jobs. May also listed his 7 drawbacks to U.S. manufacturing, which include mergers of very large companies and top executives having unlimited "perks and pay."

As part of Master Evaluator Greg Stach's team, Eric Taylor evaluated May's presentation. Taylor emphasized May's great use of handouts, humor and hand gestures. Other evaluation team members were: DJ Knodel as timer and Jennifer Wubben as tracker of unneeded fillers and pauses.

Impromptu questions were furnished by Fran Kocer, Wagner, with a "meditative perspective on life" as his theme. Kocer asked Wubben about "what makes life worth living?" and "family" was Wubben's response. Muriel Stach's ideals are summarized in the quote "If you want peace, pray for justice." Sudbeck's childhood dreams were for "a simple farm life" but now he wants to "travel the world to meet new people and see new places." Greg Stach was asked "what is worth dying for?" which brought back old Army memories. Knodel feels her personality and talents would have meant

themselves to a "teaching career."

Guests are welcome to the Oct. 15 meeting, which will be held in Pavilion Room 3.

ROY ANDERSON UNIT NO. 12 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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

Seven officers answered Roll Call after which 20 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 Natalie Frick and Joyce List. The bake-less bake sale continues.

Membership reports that we are at 74 continuous members. National is requesting 141. Marlys List and Joyce List gave a brief report of recent Girl's State meetings. Poppies are ordered. Apples for the teachers were delivered by Janice DeJong and Joyce List.

Initiation Ritual was held and Mary Dell Cody and Jo Ellen Edwards were welcomed as new members.

The next meeting will be held Nov. 16. Muriel VanGerpren won the coin march and the club pot was \$18.69.

Chaplain Brandt presented the closing prayer and meeting was adjourned.

Lunch was served by Rose Robinson and Dona Knapp.