

GIVING BACK TO YANKTON



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Pictured are officers of the Community Forum: secretary-treasurer, Rose Mather; president, David Gellerman, and past president, Buzz Mann.

Community Forum Holds Membership Drive

Yankton Community Forum extends an invitation to community residents, both men and women, to join its ranks and enjoy weekly Tuesday morning meetings at Hillcrest Country Club. Rolls and coffee (or tea) and good conversation (no politics nor argumentation) begin at 8:30 a.m., and informative presentations by talented, mostly local speakers follow at 9 p.m. The first meeting of the fiscal year takes place Tuesday, Oct. 4, at which time new officers will be recognized.

Nearly two dozen charter members, most former members of Yankton's Golden K Club, founded Community Forum in the fall of 2005 with three main objectives. The intent of one was to provide an environment in which to form enduring friendships and thereby build a better community. Another aimed at supporting and

promoting righteousness and justice, patriotism and good will. A third objective anticipated enriching the lives of members by providing programs chosen by members themselves covering various topics including local concerns and issues, both educational and relevant.

Newcomers, who can be anyone over fifty, will benefit from meeting new people and learning about the community. Annual membership fees are assessed to meet basic expenses, mainly facility rent, refreshments, and record keeping.

New officers include: president — David Gellerman; president elect — Jim Filipis; and secretary treasurer — Rose Mather.

The new board of Directors will seat past president Buzz Mann, Does Allan, Cindy Filipis, Max Allen and Iro Mogen.

KEEPING FAMILIES SAFE



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Trooper Joel Peterson from the South Dakota Highway Patrol recently visited with the K-2nd grade students at Missouri Valley Christian Academy (Yankton). He talked about the important duties he performs each day that keep families safe and the tools he uses while performing his job. Students were also able to "check-out" his patrol car and even sound the siren. To see more pictures from Trooper Peterson's visit you can check out the school's blog at www.mvcamustangs.blogspot.com.

Becker Named Volunteer Of The Month

Gloria Becker has been a part of the Yankton community all of her life. She has worked for AT&T, operated a motorcycle shop, and worked for the State of South Dakota as a secretary for Vocational Rehabilitation Services until retiring two years ago. She also has a son and a daughter, and three granddaughters. She is married to Butch Becker.



Becker

Becker has recently been named United Way & Volunteer Services' August Volunteer of the Month because of many hours devoted to volunteering and community involvement.

Deb Overseth is the coordinator for Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). RSVP provides seniors the opportunity to put their skills to work by volunteering.

Overseth describes Becker as someone who is upbeat, cheerful, and energetic.

"Gloria gives so much of herself to help others," Overseth said.

Becker has volunteered for many organizations over the years. Some of them include HSC Clothing Closet, Meals on Wheels, animal foster care, St. Benedict Catholic Church, Missouri River Cleanup, and the Boys and Girls Club.

Becker says that volunteering makes her feel good and that God had a plan for her when she retired to keep busy.

Becker certainly does keep busy by putting in over 20 hours of volunteer work per week.

"Out of 233 volunteers I only have a handful who dedicate this amount of time to volunteering," Overseth said.

Becker enjoys giving back to the community and especially working with individuals. "Working with individuals with either a physical or mental disability made me aware of the need for helping people to not only find employment but to assist them with other needs in their daily living. I have been fortunate to now have the time and resources to help more people. It just is a way of giving back to the community which has been good to me and my family," Becker said.

Tabor Farmers Attend Washington Fly-In

WASHINGTON — Tabor area farmers Terry and Eileen Sestak recently attended the National Farmers Union (NFU) Fly-In to Washington.

The Sestaks joined hundreds of other Farmers Union members from across the country who gathered in the nation's capital to talk to lawmakers about agriculture and rural issues Sept. 12-14.

The Sestaks were joined by over a dozen other South Dakotans at the Fly-In. They met with South Dakota's congressional delegation—Rep. Kristi Noem (R-S.D.), Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) and Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.) Tuesday afternoon at the United States Capitol. The group discussed the upcoming Farm Bill legislation that funds agricultural programs. NFU policy supports a robust safety net for farmers, including affordable crop insurance programs in the next Farm Bill. The group was able to discuss their concerns with the South Dakota congressional delegation and several other members of Congress during the three day trip. They also discussed renewable energy projects, the dairy crisis and other issues facing rural America.

Monday morning began with a visit the department of Agriculture members including Secretary Tom Vilsack, Edward Avalos, Dr. Joseph Glauber and Michael Scuse, members of the Secretary's staff. The members present of Farmers Union were able to ask questions and have comments with all of the fore-mentioned.



Terry and Eileen Sestak

On Monday afternoon we were able to have a White House briefing with several directors of President Obama's staff, including William Daily, White House Chief of Staff, Lawrence Elworth, Ag counselor to the EPA administrator and several other high profile members of the Administration.

Tuesday and Wednesday included visits to members of Congress of other states, we brought forward Farmers Union's concerns and proposals, in each office we were well received and listened to with intent. What seems to be everyone's concern is how the budget is going to play out and how funding will be achieved.

Terry commented that, "we were noticed and listened to where we were able to, but that budget is the big concern at the moment".

The Sestaks farm near Tabor. Terry is a member of the South Dakota Farmers Union board of directors.

BOY SCOUTS HELP RECYCLE



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The Yankton Morning Optimists used Keep Yankton Beautiful's recycle containers to collect aluminum cans and plastic bottles during Rockin' RibFest. They collected four bags full of aluminum cans, which were then given to Boy Scout Troop 133. The plastic bottles were taken to the Yankton Transfer Station, which accepts #1 and #2 plastic, aluminum, newspaper, magazine/slicks and cardboard free-of-charge. The Boy Scouts collect aluminum cans as one of their fundraisers. Keep Yankton Beautiful thanks the Yankton Morning Optimists for their concern and their extra effort in collecting the recyclable containers. The Morning Optimists kept useable recyclable material out of the landfill and provided an income opportunity to the Boy Scouts. Anyone wishing to use KYB recycle containers during their event, please contact us at info@keepyanktonbeautiful.org or 605-838-0665.

Hometown Submission Guidelines

To submit an article, meeting minutes or photo for use on the weekly Hometown Page, send information to news@yankton.net.

Submitted items are printed as space allows. There is no guarantee that submitted items will be printed.

For best results, submit unedited, uncropped photos with as many details about the event as possible, including all names of people in the photos.

For questions, call 605-665-7811 and ask for news.

MEETING MINUTES

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met at noon on Sept. 12 at Minervas. The meeting was called to order by President, Kathy Jacobs, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Hostess, Sara Sager of HSC, introduced Mary Robb who spoke on recycling in Yankton. Mary shared that there are currently 4,200 homes in Yankton being serviced with 405 tons of recycling done in 2010. Mary provided many tips for recycling and gave information on special services available such as free compost at the transfer station and special containers available for disposal of needles. Mary also informed the group of two upcoming recycling events.

On Oct. 22 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. is the Yankton Household Waste Collection at the Yankton Transfer Station. Residents can dispose their hazardous waste products at that time. Also, to observe America Recycles Day on Nov. 12, the City of Yankton and Keep Yankton Beautiful will be holding a Recycle Gently Used Toys Collection from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Gently used toys may be dropped off at North Ace Hardware, Kmart or Wal-Mart during the hours of the collection times.

The next meeting will be at noon on Monday, Sept. 19 at Minerva's. Carla Schmidt of Avera is the hostess and Rachel Schramm of Avera/Hyvee is the speaker.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER #33, OES

Keystone Chapter #33, OES, met Thursday, Sept. 16, beginning with a potluck supper.

Carol Frey, worthy matron, presided at the business meeting. Ernest and Marilyn Kratz were pro tems.

Plans for attending Grand Chapter in Pierre on Oct. 6-8 were discussed. Jane Hornstra will prepare a basket for the silent auction.

The chapter voted to send donations to the Boys and Girls Clubs in Avon and Yankton.

Stick-on notes were sold for the Eastern Star "ACTS (Assisting Children To Smile)" fund to assist with orthodontic care for children.

Those with August and September birthdays were recognized. A coin march was held for the Eastern Star Retirement Home.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Masonic Temple in Yankton, beginning at 7:30. Election of officers will be held.

GET UP & GO

The Get Up & Go 4-H club met Sept. 11, at the Irene Legion Hall.

Secretary Stephanie Hauger called the meeting to order. The American Flag Pledge was led by Heather Hauger and the 4-H pledge by Katrina Hauger.

Roll call topic was favorite 4-H event this year.

Our club will work the Fiddlers Contest on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 3:45-6:45 p.m. National 4-H week is Oct. 2-8. Our club will be making a photo collage to hang up in the Irene school, for national 4-H week. Record books are due Sept. 30.

Lunch was served by Stephanie Hauger.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Irene Legion Hall.

YANKTON AREA WRITER'S CLUB

The Yankton Area Writer's Club met Monday, Sept. 12, at Books & Beans, downtown Yankton. Nancy Burk, Judy Jensen, Janice Kruse, new member Erika Moen, Lorinda Pullen and Margaret Rahn read original works.

Moen is in the process of writing a novel, entitled "Flames," for National Novel Writing Month. Rahn let us know that she had a piece published in the *Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan's* 150th Anniversary Edition.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 1294

Club 1294 met Sept. 16, to conduct our Fall Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contests.

Janice Stone was the Toastmaster and contest chair for the meeting. Speech contest participants include Tara Arens, speech title "Weeds, what are they good for"; Jeremy Skrenes, speech title "What they don't tell you,"; and Doug Fickbohm, speech title "Let'em have it."

First place went to Fickbohm, second to Skrenes and Arens third. Evaluations were given by Roy Wilcox, John Swensen, and Kathy Henja, with Henja voted as best evaluator. Joy Winther gave our word for the day "deterrent".

Table Topics contest participants were first place Fickbohm and second place Skrenes. Judges were Steve Hamilton, Vernon Arens, and Joy Winther. Carol Hale was our timer and Henja, sergeant of arms. First and second place winners are eligible to compete at our area contest in Freeman at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24 at PaPa's Restaurant. For more information, contact Janice 665-1523 or check out our website, yankton.freetoasthost.org.

YANKTON AIRPORT BREAKFAST

The 14th annual Chan Gurney Airport breakfast was held on Sept. 18 at Hoffner Flying's hangar. 454 people attended the breakfast, and four aircraft flew in for the event (three from South Dakota and one from Nebraska). The poor turn out of aircraft was due to bad weather to both the north and south of Yankton.

One special aircraft was a 2008 twin-engine, fixed wing King Air 200GT air ambulance from Sanford USD Center Medial Intensive Air in Sioux Falls. The air ambulance was open for tours and made an impressive departure from the airport.

The breakfast was put on by the Yankton Regional Aviation Association (YRAA) and was a fund-raising event for various YRAA projects including improvements at the Yankton's Airport Park and nine regional airports.

The breakfast supplies were sponsored by HyVee courtesy of Tonya Graff. Other sponsors included Hoffner Flying (Jacob and Sandy Hoffner), Todd Carr who supplied the PA system, Chesterman Company (ground banners) and Carlson Aviation (Gary and Katie Carlson). Additional advertising was provided by KYNT, KVHT, WNAK, MidContinent Communications, Knology, Yankton Chamber of Commerce, the Observer and the Yankton Press and Dakotan.

Exhibitors included Yankton EMS with an ambulance, Yankton Police displayed the D.A.R.E. vehicle, John Gunderson (Irene) demonstrated a hot air balloon burner, Gary Palmer (Yankton) flew his hopper hot air balloon, Gordon Olson (Mission Hill) displayed remote

control aircraft, Karen Kubal (Yankton) displayed information on the League of World War I Aviation Historians, Francis Serr (Yankton) displayed a large collection of 8th Air Force memorabilia, Norma Kraemer (Nemo) showed a large collection of historical photographs titled "South Dakota's First Century of Flight" and the South Dakota Pilots Association displayed information about the 330-member organization.

The airport breakfast was a great success due to the support provided by our sponsors and the great YRAA volunteers, both in organizing and promoting the breakfast, gathering equipment and supplies, and especially in making the breakfast run smoothly.

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Hostess, Carla Schmidt of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, introduced Rachel Schramm who spoke on the new dietary guidelines, "My Plate."

For a nutritious meal, Schramm advised building a healthy plate by making half your plate fruits and vegetables, one fourth of your plate a lean protein and the remaining one fourth a starch, preferably a whole grain. Other guidelines to follow are cutting back on foods high in solid fats, added sugars and salt. Along with these guidelines, it is also important to eat the right amount of calories for you and be physically active your way.

The next meeting will be held at noon on Monday, Sept. 26 at Minerva's. The hostess will be Colleen Craig Davis and the speaker will be Mary Wiph Wick.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Yankton American Legion Auxiliary met Sept. 19, 2011, with first vice president Joyce List and president Betty Adam presiding.

Gert Boyles introduced thirteen girls who attended the 2011 Girls State and Journalism City, this past summer. Each girl spoke on her activities and experiences.

Thank you notes, from the girls who attended Girls State and Journalism City, were passed around for the members to read.

Helen Simpson reported that there are currently 69 members and the goal is 115 members. She has forms for membership and Paid up for Life (PUFL) memberships. She encourages current members to help recruit new members. Helen indicates that the current membership cards now reflect the actual years of paid membership.

Reports from the chairmen of the

cheer, apples, ten of something, poppies and dictionary committees were given.

Boyles conducted the installation of officers ceremony: president — Betty Adam; 1st vice president — Joyce List; 2nd vice president — Theresa Brandt; secretary — Dianne Bahn; treasurer — Priscilla Mazourek; sergeant at arms — Martha List and Mary Kuchta.

President Adam announced that the District 8 American Legion and Auxiliary meeting will be held in Irene on Saturday, Sept. 24. She also asked that any one who is able to march in the Yankton Homecoming parade, Friday, Sept. 23, contact Joyce List.

Shirley Juffer and Theresa Brandt served a delicious lunch.

Next month's meeting will be Nov. 17. The program will include initiation of new members. Lunch hostesses will be Martha Ausborn and Priscilla Mazourek.

GFWC YANKTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Yankton Chapter of GFWC Woman's Club met on Sept. 10, 2011 at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. President Julie Clifton called the meeting to order.

We observed 30 seconds of silence in memory of those who lost lives Sept. 11, 2001.

Constance Schenkel introduced her guest Caprice Benoit.

Minutes of the May meeting stand as written. The treasurer's report will be filed pending audit. Alta Kussman presented the proposed budget for 2011-2012. Joan Neubauer made a motion to accept the budget, seconded by Pauline Aklund the motion passed.

Standing Rules: Maysel Goltz made a motion we suspend the \$5 fee for new members. Seconded by Dot Blaha motion passed.

Secretary Ellen read a thank you from Kathy Jacobs of the Yankton Community Library for our clubs \$50 cash donation. Blaha announced she was married Sept. 3 to Bob Berg.

Maysel Goltz made the following statement. In regard to the GFWC Yankton Woman's Club Constitution and By-Laws, namely the Standing Rules as parliamentarian, I make the following statement: #6 of our By-Laws Standing Rules states: These Standing Rules may be amended, suspended or repealed at any meeting at which a quorum is present and the majority of votes cast is in favor of the action.

This happened on May 5, 2011 at our regular meeting when Nancy Burgess moved to raise our club dues from \$25 to \$32. The motion was seconded by Judi Olson. The membership approved the motion. This has changed Standing Rule #3. This change must be noted in your Consti-

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