

Kooistra Named United Way Volunteer Of The Month

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His voice is easily identified by nearly anyone who lives in the KYNT listening area. Scott Kooistra's "Morning Coffee" program is a fixture in many Yanktonians daily lives.

However, Kooistra's spectacular spirit of volunteerism and community are why he was honored with August's United Way & Volunteer Services, Volunteer of the Month Award.

"Scott is an amazing man! He is fortunate to be doing what he loves to do for a living, but he crosses over to making his profession help make a difference in Yankton, SD," says Julie Dykstra, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County. "Scott is always willing to help share the mission of Habitat for Humanity."

We at United Way & Volunteer Services are also grateful for Scott's efforts in creating awareness for not only our organization but for many other essential nonprofits serving our community. Scott is such an appreciated part of United Way's year round awareness campaign and is always willing to lend his time and voice to help educate the community on local service organizations missions and goals.



Kooistra

Kooistra took the time to tell us about volunteerism, in his own words:

I have lived here in the Yankton Area since: from 1985-2000 and 2011-present

I began volunteering: to meet people in Yankton and get to know more about local agencies and programs.

I continue volunteering because: I believe it's important to give back to your community and its fun!

I volunteer at (list organizations and duties performed): Yankton Quarterback Club-Head Coach, Yankton Chamber of Commerce, Habitat for Humanity, the Arts, athletic events, and United Way among others.

Approximate hours per year that I volunteer: around 500.

Volunteer work is enjoyable because: the organizations are very worthwhile, and you get to meet dedicated and fun people!

My best volunteer experience was: Staying on air for 170 consecutive hours (one week and 2 hours) partially to help raise funds for the Yankton Women's/Children's Shelter.

The advice I would give to those thinking about getting out there and volunteering in their communities is: DO IT! Help out. Every hour makes a difference!

For more information about volunteerism in the greater Yankton area, please contact the United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton at (605)665-6766 or volunteer@iw.net.

Patriot's Day Remembered



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Beadle Elementary celebrated Patriot's Day on Sept. 11th. Students and staff gathered around the flagpole for a special flag raising event. A Patriot's Day honor flag was flown that had the names of everyone who perished on September 11. The entire student body and staff gathered around to sing patriotic songs and do the Pledge of Allegiance.

Laird Is Named Local Realtor Of The Year

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The 2013 Lewis and Clark Board of Realtors nominees for Local Realtor of the Year were: Emma Laird, Deb Specht and Stan Sudbeck.

The 2013 Local Realtor of the Year winner was Emma F. Laird. Emma will represent the Lewis and Clark Board of Realtors as their nominee for South Dakota Realtor of the Year at the State Convention in September.



MEETINGS

SHANNON TRAIL PROMOTERS

The Shannon Trail Promoters met on Sept. 4, 2013, at Bill's Place in Wausa. In attendance were Will and Shirley Dangler, Larry and Becky Leapley, Herb and Susan Bengston, Marlin and Sharon Braun, Laurie and Gil Larsen, and Harold and Shirley Kehne. Following a pizza meal, Pres. Laurie conducted the meeting.

The annual Youth/Adult 3D Archery Tournament held at the Hartington course did not prove profitable due to conflicting events. Kevin Milikin, who has helped us so much, retires for Presidency of the Northeast NE Archers. Without him we must look for another type of fund raiser.

Approximately, 1,500 additional brochures were printed. We thank Mary Rose Pinkelman for attending the State Fair, giving our brochures and promoting the Trail.

Will and Shirley stated that there has been a great response to the added geocaches that they and the Brauns have placed along the trail. Becky educates visitors on the Trail and on geocaching when they stop at the Welcome Center.

Randy Erb will begin carving the log that will become Center's Shannon statue as soon as his accident injuries have healed. Verdigré's FFA will repair Verdel's Shannon figure. No word on replacing Crofton's.

Herb and Susan gave an update on the last meeting with the Friends of Lewis and Clark. Their brochures have been eagerly picked up. Tourism is up. Plans are underway for a circle tour route along the Missouri River. Advertising this year was done in major Kansas and Iowa papers. Omaha's is twice as high. They also told of their travel experiences in Lewis and Clark country into Montana. Herb and Susan will represent the Promoters

at the John Barry Concert at the WJ Ranch on Sept. 7. Mollet Music has donated a guitar which John will sign. The Bengstons will handle this silent auction.

A tremendous number of State Park visitors signed up for the prize packages when Shannon the Mannequin stayed a month at each location. The promotion ended Sept. 1. The last show detailed the Ponca Expo.

Laurie will contact Jan Schiferl and Joyce Stevens as to their being our November banquet speakers. The date is the 5th. The meal pot luck and you may bring your own bottle.

It was decided that the Promoters apply for an award from the Nebraska Travel Bureau. An entry under attractions will be written by Will and Shirley targeting geocaching as bringing folks to the area. Support letters were requested.

Ideas for a 2014 fund raiser were shared. The Brauns had met a fellow who likes to dress and cook as in the 1800s era. Will and Shirley know of a person who does period impersonations. Hopefully we can build on this for an event.

Laurie is checking on a shared page ad in the Northeast NE Travel guide, Discover 2014. All agreed to adjourn. The Oct. 2 meeting will be at the Lindy County Club.

The Kehnes shared material, and told of what they'd learned and answered questions on their recent trip to Moscow and St. Petersburg.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Jennifer Wubben called Toastmasters Club 6217 to order Sept. 5 at noon in the KPI Conference Room with a warm welcome and an invocation by Stan Sudbeck praying for "doing your part."

Kary Beltz presented the word of the day, "brusque" and tracked its use by the

speakers as well as unusual and interesting phrases, like "age of curiosity" and "my people looked to the heavens".

Joyce Stevens' evaluation team included timer Jen Hovland and "ah" counter Jeff May.

Speakers Jane Miller and Muriel Stach informed the audience using the Communication Leadership & Speaking to Inform Manual Speeches. Miller inspired us to get "a sense of who we are" and Stach told us how harvesting of their vineyard goes with "the girls" each year.

Miller was evaluated by Eileen O'Connor and Stach by Gale Vogt with praise for the use of pictures to help the audience gain a mental image and their ability to inspire the audience. Having the overhead ready was the only concern of the day.

Table Topics Master Chelsi Hames asked impromptu questions, using "if you could" as a topic. She questioned Steve Anderson "if he could be a car, what would he be and why" with his response being "a classic car like a classic mustang because it's a car people would want to keep for years." Tim Bohn was asked "if you could speak like anyone in the Toastmasters Club 6217 who would you pick and why" to which Bohn responded in the most respectful way commenting on attributes of all speakers and not picking just one. Greg Stach was quizzed on "if he could stay any age, what age and why" with his response to ponder was "age 15 because it's the age of curiosity".

Wubben awarded trophies to O'Connor as Best Evaluator, to Stach for Best Speaker and Bohn as Best Respondent in Table Topics.

President Hovland announced that volunteers are needed for the Area Contest Sept. 26 in Freeman.

Schaefer to Chair Junior Achievement of Yankton

Junior Achievement of Yankton has announced that Jamie Schaefer, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, is serving as the Board Chair for the 2013-2014 year.

Steve Pietila, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; and Beth Roesler, Johnson, Miner, Marlow, Woodward, & Huff, Prof. LLC, were recently elected to the JA Yankton board.

Other members serving on the board include: Terra Fisher; Susie Frick, First Dakota National Bank; Tom Hausmann, SMART Training; Kathy Quinlivan, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital; Deb Specht, Vision Real Estate; and Justin Wagner, First National Bank SD. The Junior Achievement of Yankton

Board was established in 1998.

More than 45 JA volunteers from the Yankton business community entered 36 public and private classrooms in the Yankton School District during the 2012-13 school year. These classroom volunteers served as role models and taught more than 800 students about personal finance, entrepreneurship, and work readiness using hands-on activities to supplement standard classroom curricula.

In addition, more than 15 executive-level volunteers impacted 241 high school students with ethics education through JA Excelling through Ethics.

Parenting Classes Set To Begin Sept. 26

ELK POINT — "Common Sense Parenting" is a proven, step-by-step guide for raising responsible kids and building happy families. Common Sense parenting is geared for parents with children ages 5-18.

A special 6 week session covering the popular Boys Town Common Sense Parenting will be held at: Elk Point-Jefferson School, 402 South Douglas Street, Elk Point.

Classes are Thursday evenings starting Sept. 26 and running through Nov. 7. Classes will be held from 6-8 p.m.

Everyone is welcome but registration is required. Classes are limited and filling up fast. Class completion certificates will be provided. Classes are free of charge.


Call Jeff at 605-356-5870 to register.

Legion Meeting Canceled

Roy Anderson Post No. 12 of Yankton will not have its monthly meeting on Sept 17 due to the VFW soup

kitchen.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Oct 15 at the VFW Post Home.



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